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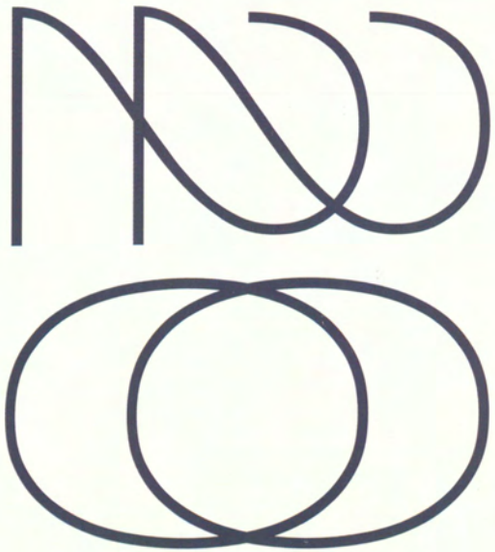

WELCOME

Hello, and welcome to Volume 100 of Entre Nous.

Much like the spring 2020 semester, this yearbook looks much different than what I had initially pictured. With the unexpected severity of a global pandemic and a quick transition into virtual learning, many of the spring's campus events were either cancelled or rescheduled for the following academic year. As sad as it was to replace the typical Commencement section with a COVID-19 section, unforeseen changes like that are the reason this book serves as a physical reminder that life never works out as we have personally planned, but rather as God has planned.

The title of this yearbook publication translates to "between us" in French. This book is to be shared between us, the students of Samford University. The students who will clearly remember the 2019-20 academic year along with all of its challenges.

I found the lyrics to a song entitled Entre Nous by the Canadian rock band Rush to be quite applicable to the second semester of this year: "Each of us a world apart, Alone and yet together."

As we attended virtual classes in our pajamas, watched a live-streamed Battle of the Bands competition and celebrated May 2020 graduates with makeshift graduation ceremonies across the country, we were still piecing together more of our Samford stories. Alone and yet together.

While this book is a bit thinner than books in years past, it is still full of memories. I hope you will enjoy reminiscing on the year's events, the things you have learned, the friends you have made and the community that surrounds you. I also encourage you to recognize the trials this past year has presented and remind yourself that you survived it all. May we recognize the growth that comes along with life's difficulties and uncertainties, while also looking forward to what's next.

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BROCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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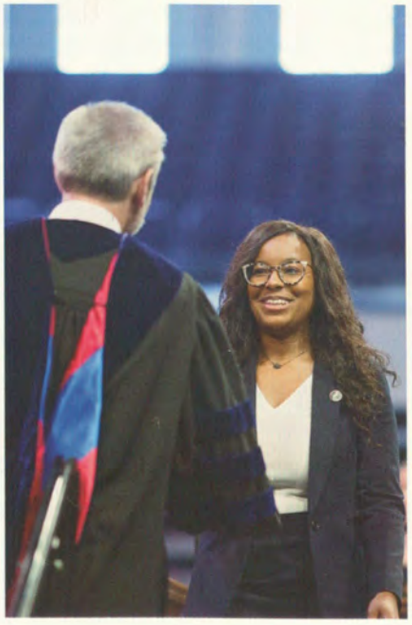
Boasting a record enrollment of 882 students, the Brock School of Business was ranked first in the nation as having the "best Christian online Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program in 2020" by College Consensus.

On Oct. 4, 2019, the Brock School of Business officially inducted 165 students during its ninth annual Rite of Passage ceremony, a celebration for students entering their junior year and marking their formal admittance into the major. Later that same month, it hosted an economics and women colloquium which focused on the role of women in the U.S. economy and in those developing nations. Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the School of Business held a virtual commencement in August to honor 150 undergraduate business degree graduates, as well as 69 Master of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy graduates.

Among its students, 97% complete an internship program while enrolled, and 99% report a job placement within six months of graduation.



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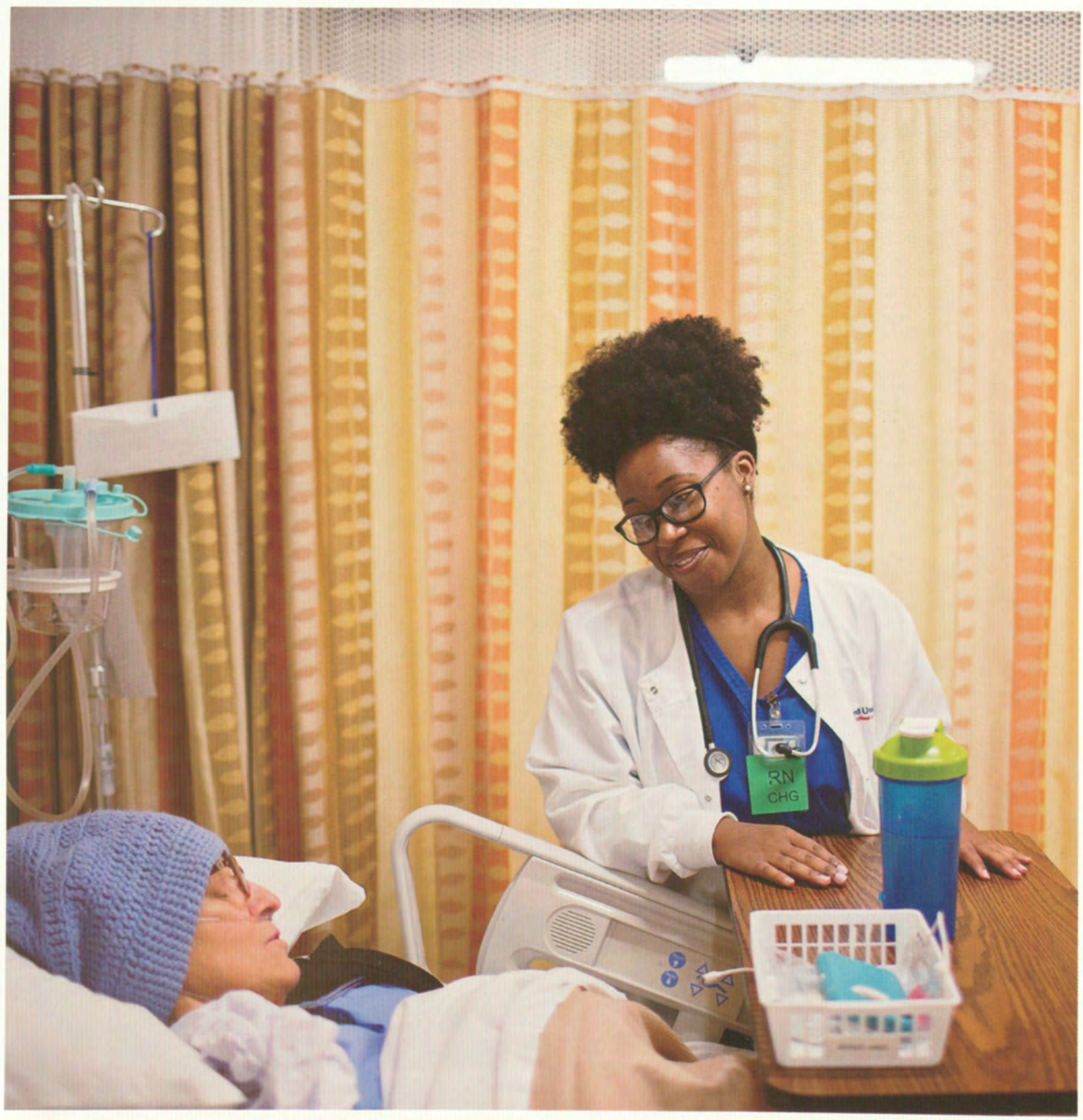

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College of Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences houses four schools: the newly renamed Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, School of Health Professions, School of Public Health, and the McWhorter School of pharmacy.

Together, the schools form a collaborative team that, according to the college, yields an interdisciplinary approach that "encourages students to examine today's complex health issues from a variety of perspectives."

The schools offer more than 30 academic programs to nearly 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students.

The Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, renamed in 2020 to honor former Dean Nena F. Sanders, boasted a 96% employment placement among its Bachelor of Science in Nursing majors within six months of graduating as recently as December 2019. The school was established in 1922 and currently has an enrollment of 830 students with a clinical student-faculty ratio of 8:1.

The School of Health Professions, established in 2013, has an enrollment of 734 students and offers a variety of undergraduate degrees including but not limited to: Exercise Science, Sport Administration and Sports Medicine. The school held its spring commencement ceremony on August 15 and presented bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees to a total of 146 graduates.

The School of Public Health offers undergraduate degrees in majors including Foods and Nutrition, Healthcare Information Management, Healthcare Administration, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Public Health. On Aug. 15, the school honored 57 graduates as part of its virtual commencement ceremony with 22 students earning a bachelor degree and 35 earning a master's degree.

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy was recently named the #2 private school of pharmacy in the South by U.S. News and World Report. The COVID-19 pandemic provided the school with opportunities to share its expertise on topics such as pharmacy preventative services, treatment for those infected with the virus and the development of a vaccine.

HOWARD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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Photos courtesy of: Dr. Grant Gentry, Dr. Betsy Dobbins, JMC Department

The Howard College of Arts and Sciences encompasses 14 departments offering 45 majors and concentrations. With an enrollment of 945 students, the College of Arts and Sciences is home to a large portion of the university's undergraduate students. The college also offers a wide range of general education courses required of students from other disciplines. As a whole, the college reports that 97% of its undergraduate alumni enter the workforce or pursue graduate education within six months of graduating.

Throughout the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters, media releases provided by the college documented department-wide events and celebrated accomplishments.

On Nov. 24-25, geography students Davis Ebbert and Sarah Grumulaitis presented their original research projects at the annual conference of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) in Wilmington, North Carolina.

In Febraury, journalism students brought home top honors at the Southeast Journalism Conference including first place in the categories of College Paper (The Samford Crimson,) College Journalist (William Marlow) and Research Paper (Griffin Schou).

On Jan. 31, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry hosted the "Toward Orphan G Protein Coupled Receptor Ligand Discovery: Collaborative Computational Benchmarking Efforts" seminar hosted by University of Memphis chemistry professor Daniel Baker at the Christenberry Planetarium.

In March, as the world began locking down due to the pandemic, Department of Geography and Sociology professor Jonathan Fleming created the Coronavirus COVID-19 in Alabama data dashboard as a way to help the public make sense of the rising case counts across the state. The dashboard was among the first of its kind in the state, pulling in data and compiling it in an easy to understand format down to the county level.

ORLEAN BEESON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Samford University

The Orlean Beeson School of Education currently boasts a 100% Pass Rate on National Undergraduate Praxis II Licensure Tests. Additionally, 100% of its May 2019 graduates reported finding employment or graduate level education within three months of graduating.

With an enrollment of 588 students, the school is home to both undergraduate and graduate students seeking degrees at the bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral levels. The School of Education held various enriching events throughout the school year and welcomed new leadership.
In November, teacher education candidates took part in a professional development event focused on STEAM, an educational approach integrating science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.

In January, Dr. Anna McEwan became dean of the Orlean Beeson School of Education. Previously, McEwan served as provost, dean and acting chair of the Department of Teacher Education at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

After campus closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school held a virtual ceremony in April to induct 53 new members into the Zeta Theta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

Prior to summer break, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced that the Orlean Beeson School of Education received accreditation for their educator preparation programs.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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The School of the Arts, which was formally created in 2008, has a current enrollment of 320 students. It houses various programs that offer degrees in art, design, theatre and music.

The school's Division of Art and Design offers programs in: Studio Art, Graphic Design, Interior Architecture, and Game Design and 3D Animation. In May, 10 graphic design publication students worked together to release "Quaranzine," a digital magazine that documents individual's quarantine experiences. The Division of Art and Design also welcomed digital designer Wink Winkler to help startup the new game design and 3D animation degree program. According to a press release from the School of Arts, Winkler has worked with Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida, in previsualization for amusement rides and park experiences. He also helped create motion graphics for an Amazon TV series, and has worked on projects for Viacom's Nickelodeon Resort, Theory Studios and iHeart Radio.

The Division of Music offers programs in: Composition; Music and Worship; Performance in Instrumental Music, Organ, Piano, and Voice; Commercial Music; and Worship Leadership, to name a few. The division also offers minors in music, the arts, and worship leadership. The Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Music is a new area of study and offers concentrations in Music Business, Music Production, Songwriting, and Live Touring and Performance.

The Department of Theatre and Dance offers three majors including Theatre, Theatre for Youth and Musical Theatre. Four minors, also in dance and theatre, are also available. In the spring and fall semesters, the department presented a variety of productions including "1776: The Musical," "Sylvia" and "Ella Enchanted."

The Department of Christian Ministry, which was added to the School of the Arts in 2018, offers a Christian Ministry Major as well as minors in Church and Culture, and Intercultural Engagement.

Study Abroad: London, Daniel House

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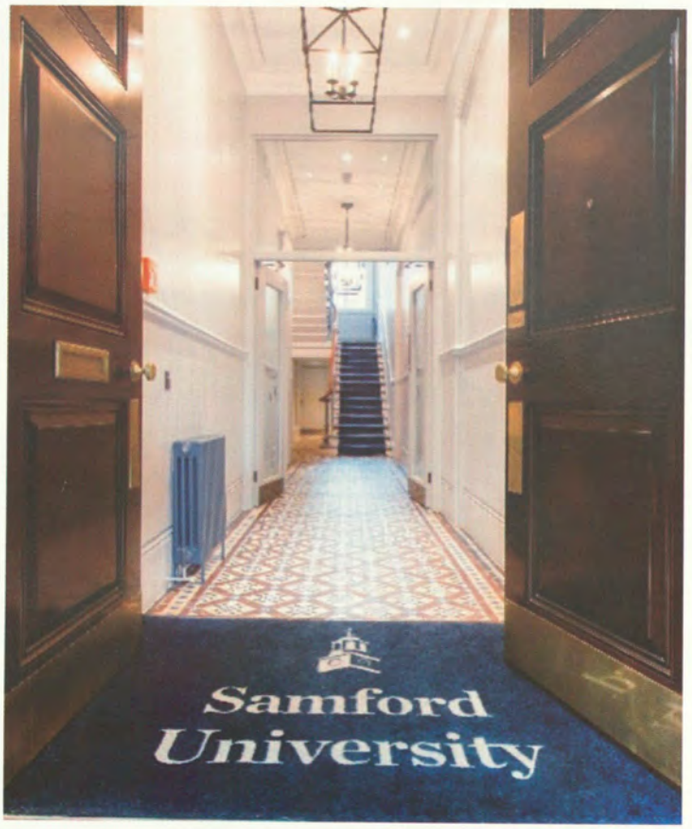

A total of 238 undergraduate students took advantage of Samford University's study abroad programs during the fall 2019, Jan Term 2020 and spring 2020 terms. Each semester, study abroad programs in the United Kingdom, where students were housed in Samford University's Daniel House, where among the most popular.

The Daniel House is the flagship of the Samford Abroad portfolio. The five-story home is located in central London, roughly a mile from Kensington Palace, which houses the offices and London residences of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, among other royals. According to the Study Abroad informational website, the Daniel House is used by students and faculty as both a home and a classroom during each semester. In 2018, the Daniel House underwent a more than $2 million renovation.

"The Daniel House also and provides the setting for Samford faculty to develop students in an inspiring cultural context as affordably as possible," according to the website.

In March of the spring semester, Samford University announced it would suspend its study abroad program at the Daniel House in London.

"Given the uncertainty about the spread of the COVID-19 and its anticipated impact on travel and our academic program in London, Samford University will suspend its study abroad program at the Daniel House effective Monday, March 9," Univeristy Provost Mike Hardin said in an email to the campus community.

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Jan Term: Dominican Republic

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
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Samford students taking part in the Jan Term Samford Abroad program in the Dominican Republic studied alongside professor Alan Jung as part of a medical missions course. Jung is the current dean of the School of Health Professions. The course was co-led by Dr. Ryan Rainer, an adjunct professor in the Department of Kinesiology. Rainer is a graduate of Samford's Department of Kinesiology and completed medical school in Birmingham.

As part of the mission course, students work alongside volunteer physicians to provide free medical care to patients who might not otherwise see a doctor. According to a Samford University news release, the team visited various villages over the course of the semester and worked out of a mobile medical clinic to treat patients.

Jan Term: Dublin, Ireland

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos Courtesy of: Samford Abroad and Chasity Finnegan

Students taking part in Arts in Society courses offered during Jan Term had the opportunity to take their studies to Dublin, Ireland. There, according to a Samford University news release, the class studied the value of artworks and aesthetics with an emphasis in Irish culture.

Assistant professors Ryan Misner and Mark Lackey taught the course. Misner is an assistant professor in the Division of Art and Design, Department of Interior Architecture at Samford. Lackey is an associate professor in the School of Art's Division of Music, Theory and Composition program.

Jan Term: Greece

Photos courtesy of: Rachel Brockwell
Article by: Entre Nous Staff

Classics Professor Randy Todd led the Jan Term Study Abroad program in Greece. There, according to a Samford University press release, "students got to know Greece as the Crucible of Civilization." According to his Samford bio, Todd is the Chair of the Classics department and teaches Greek at Beeson Divinity School. His research interests focus "on the beginning and ending of classical antiquity, on archaic Greek literature and history" with particular emphasis "on military and political organization from the end of the Bronze Age through the rise of the polis, and on classical culture and the rise of Christianity, especially the language and context of the New Testament."

Associate Professor Andy Montgomery and Professor Doug Clapp helped co-lead the course, which focused on Greek history and culture. Students learned about the the geography of Greece, visited physical remains of the ancient culture and visited museums to study local artifacts.

Jan Term: Israel

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The Samford Abroad Jan Term course Israel: Exploring the Biblical World, takes students to the holy land of Jerusalem in order to understand how the history of the land influences some of the world's major religions.

"Lying at the most important crossroads of the ancient world, the land of Israel has played a role in human history that far exceeds its modest borders," Associate Professor of Religion Jeff Leonard said about the course in an interview with Samford University.

Leonard, who according to his Samford bio specializes in the areas of Hebrew, Hebrew Bible, and the ancient Near East, led the course.

"In this course, students examine the geography and history of Israel and the religions and cultures this land has produced," he said.

Along with spending time in Jerusalem, students also visited other historical sites around Israel.

Jan Term:
Saba, West Indies

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
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Samford students enjoyed a sunny escape from the bitter cold of an Alabama January by taking part in the Caribbean field course on the Dutch West Indies island of Saba. The island is only five square miles and has a population of approximately 1,915.

The course was led by assistant professor Jonathan Fleming and associate professor Jennifer Rahn.

Rahn, according to a Samford University news release, has been collecting sediment and profiles from Saba's beach and its nearby reefs since 2008. She uses survey instruments that she developed herself.

During the "Samford in the Caribbean" course, Jan Term students learn are able to apply Rahn's scientific data collection process in the field. The data is in turn used to help assess erosion of the island as well as study deposition patterns attributed to sea level rise as well as tropical storms and hurricanes.

Study Abroad:
Sydney, Australia

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Students in the Arts in Society: Sydney course were able to experience the city in a multitude of ways. According to a news release about their experience, students watched performances at the Sydney Opera House, took part in an Aboriginal walking tour, visited galleries and hiked the Blue Mountains with views of the Pacific Ocean. Samford Art associate professor Joe Cory, who led the course, said the program is designed to give students an understanding of Australia beginning with its Aboriginal history through present day.

"This included learning about Australia's Aboriginal history and culture, the country's colonial past and role during both world wars, and Sydney's development into a global city that is heavily influenced by both Asia and America," Cory said, according to the release.

Cory, a visual artist, also serves as the Director of the School of the Arts Catalyst Program according to his Samford bio.

Micah Fellows

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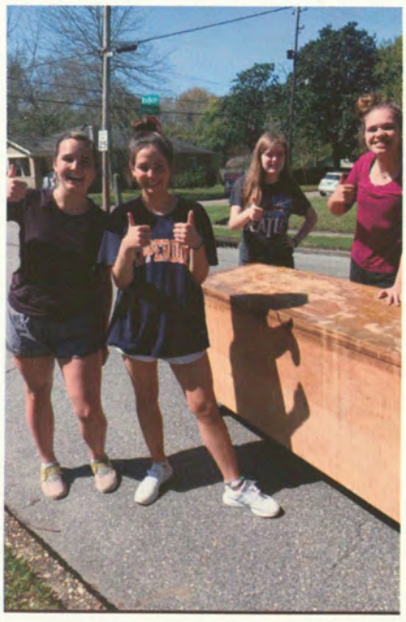
Photos courtesy of: Caroline Janeway

Micah Fellows commit to a four-year service mission devoted to "making Birmingham, and the world beyond, a better place." They are guided by Micah 6:8, which states that, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Fellows enroll in various courses throughout their time at Samford designed to prepare them for service work in the community and abroad. Fellows are placed at various service organization internships around Birmingham, are granted priority registration and take part in various cadres.

Each year, they also travel together to take part in a Micah Fellows spring break service trip.

To help broaden their horizons and encourage them to take their talents around the world, Micah Fellows are also awarded with a service aboard scholarship. During their senior year, Micah Fellows complete a cohort capstone project.



University Fellows

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University Fellows makeup Samford University's honors college. The program is highly competitive and attracts "intellectually curious, ambitious students who want to make connections across disciplines," according to Samford's description of the program. Although the program is open to students at Samford regardless of their undergraduate major, they must be accepted into the program while they are high school seniors.

As part of the program, University Fellows enjoy an interdisciplinary core curriculum with classes involving Western Intellectual Tradition, the Heritage of Greece and Rome, as well as Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance.

All University Fellows travel to Rome, Italy, after their sophomore year. There, they study for almost three weeks and visit historic sites in Rome and Florence. Students are also granted a three-day travel break to explore other nearby cities.

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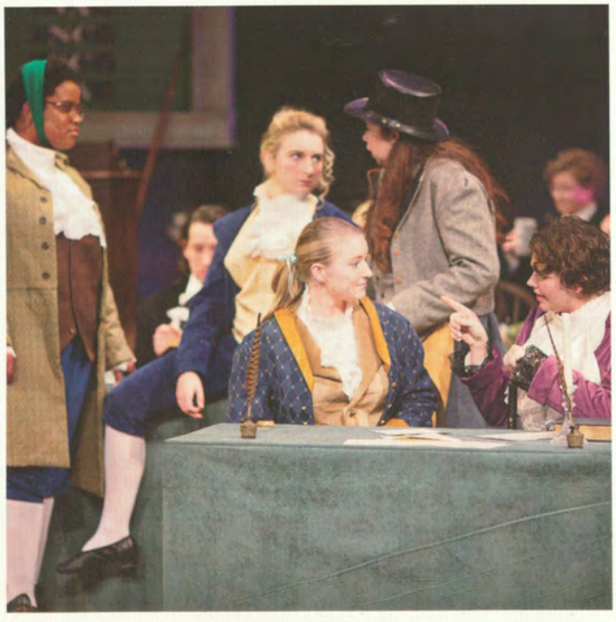
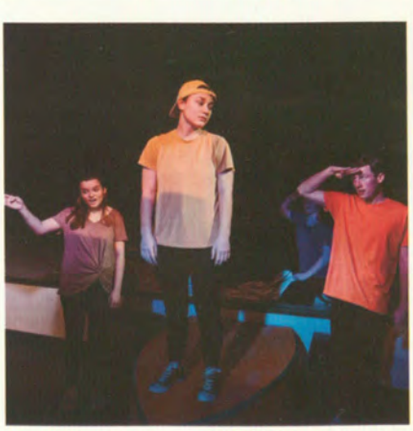




Ella Enchanted

Article by: Rachel Woodruff
Photos by: Carter Davis

On Oct. 3-6, the Emma Taylor Theater for Youth Series opened the curtains for "Ella Enchanted: The Musical" in Harrison Theater. The performance follows the story of a young girl named Ella as she searches for freedom from the "gift" of obedience.

The performances put on by the theater are supported by a large team of faculty, students and staff working together to bring the productions to life. Trust among the actors, crew and staff are essential to the shows.

"There are a lot of moving parts. It's completely choreographed backstage, and you have to be able to trust those people and the people on stage," said Chloe Tower, the junior Theatre for Youth major who portrayed the role of Ella's stepsister Olive.

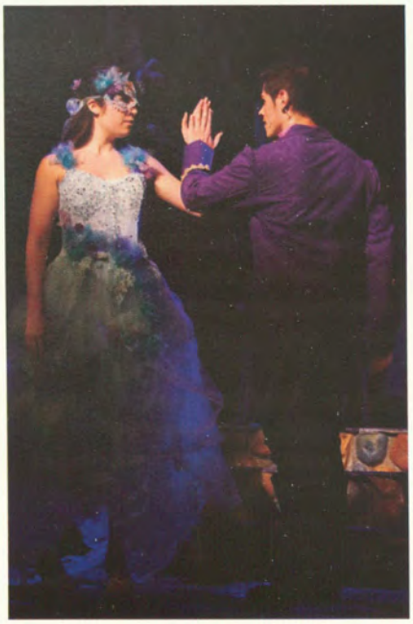
Many long nights of rehearsal and preparation went into bringing "Ella Enchanted" to life. Senior musical theatre major Alison Turner, who played the roles of both the fairy Lucinda and Mistress Manners, said her favorite part of the process was the cast and how they "meshed as a family."

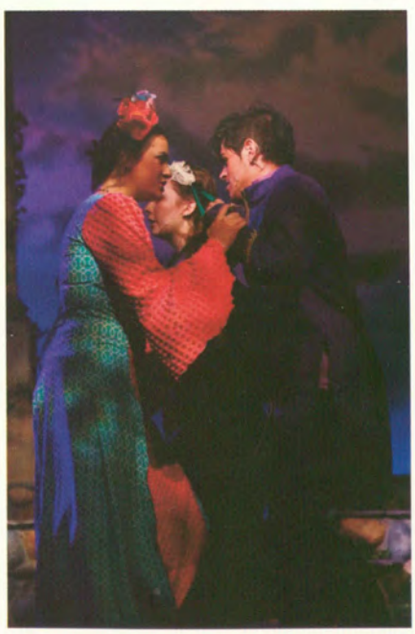
Sophomore musical theatre major Garrett Coppock, who played the role of Prince Charmont, said, "Everyone in the show is so talented and so invested in their craft. It makes the show that much better because it just makes it fun to work with all of them."

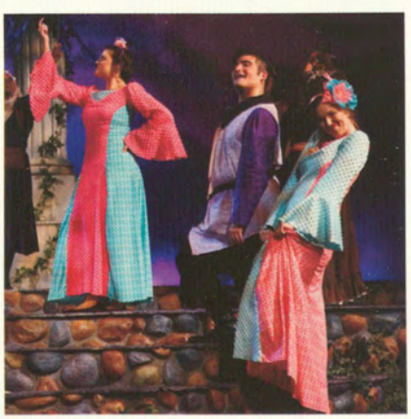
Preparation for the show included a read through of the script, character studies and hours of memorization, rehearsal and vocal practice. Some actors even researched and journaled as their character.

"I pulled a huge Samford move, and I took the Enneagram (personality test) as my character. I found out that (Olive) was a nine and really just dove deep into the Enneagram," Tower said.

It was clear to the audience that the students and staff put a lot of effort into the musical. The cast's hard work paid off with a production full of magic, excitement and, of course, enchantment.







Sylvia

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Katie Roth

Celebrating the 10th anniversary season of the Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance Series sponsorship, the Theatre and Dance Department presented the comedy, "Sylvia," Oct. 24-27, 2019.

Madison Merkel, a senior musical theatre major, spoke about the performance in an interview with The Samford Crimson.

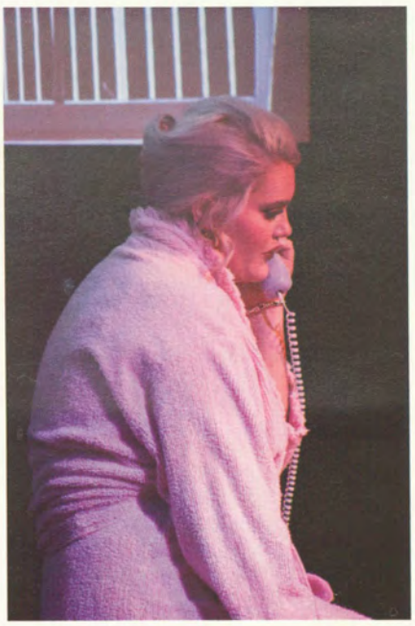
"The production is about a couple who is experiencing an 'empty nest,'" Merkel said.

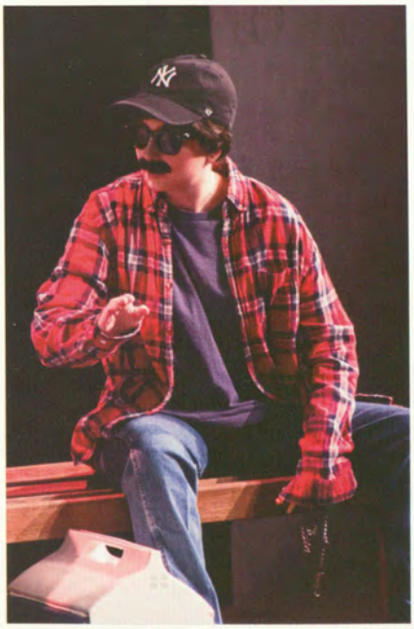
That's when the dog, Sylvia, hops into their lives.

"It's a comedy and the joke of the show is that [the husband] sees her as a woman," Merkel said.

Merkel told The Crimson that the line, "True love is meant to be shared" from the play reminded her of the gospel.

"As Christians, we want to share the joy of Jesus with others, even if people are off put by that," Merkel said.





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1776

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Photos by: Madison Cooper

The audience in Harrison Theater watched congressmen battle over the decision to declare independence from Britain in "1776 The Musical." The production ran from Nov. 21 to 24 as part of the Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance Series.

A live orchestra, visible through a thin black screen behind the stage, supported the actors on stage by performing the music for the show.

Sophomore Lauren Hutchinson, a biochemistry and chemistry double major and music minor, played first flute and the piccolo for the production and prepared by continually listening to the musical recordings.

"It was just constantly hearing it and getting it in your head so much where you cannot get it out of your head. And then you come and play it, and you have a blast," Hutchinson said.

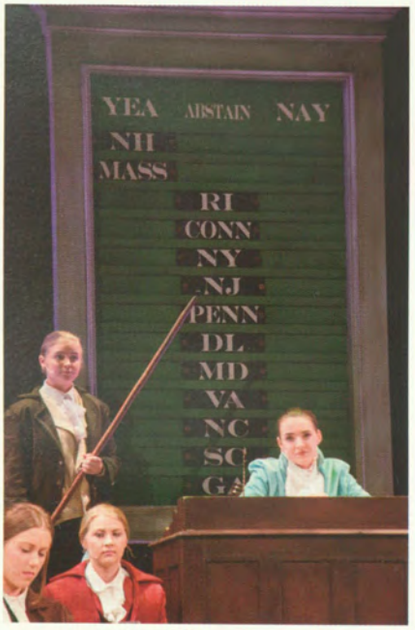
Anna Medley, a junior musical theater major, described bringing the Pennsylvanian Delegate Benjamin Franklin to life as one of her favorite parts of the performance.

"He's such an iconic person with all these qualities, so being able to research him and put him into this character was really, really fun," Medley said.

Drew Fillinger, a junior majoring in both theatre and journalism and mass communications, walked the stage as one of Virginia's congressmen, Thomas Jefferson. Fillinger explained that this role challenged him, and he was grateful it stretched him as an actor.

Throughout the production, audience members laughed and found themselves on the edge of their seats as they watched the events of the play unfold. Even cast members agreed that the play went above and beyond expectations.

"The production was very different and not what you expect going into a show about congressmen from the 1700s," Fillinger said.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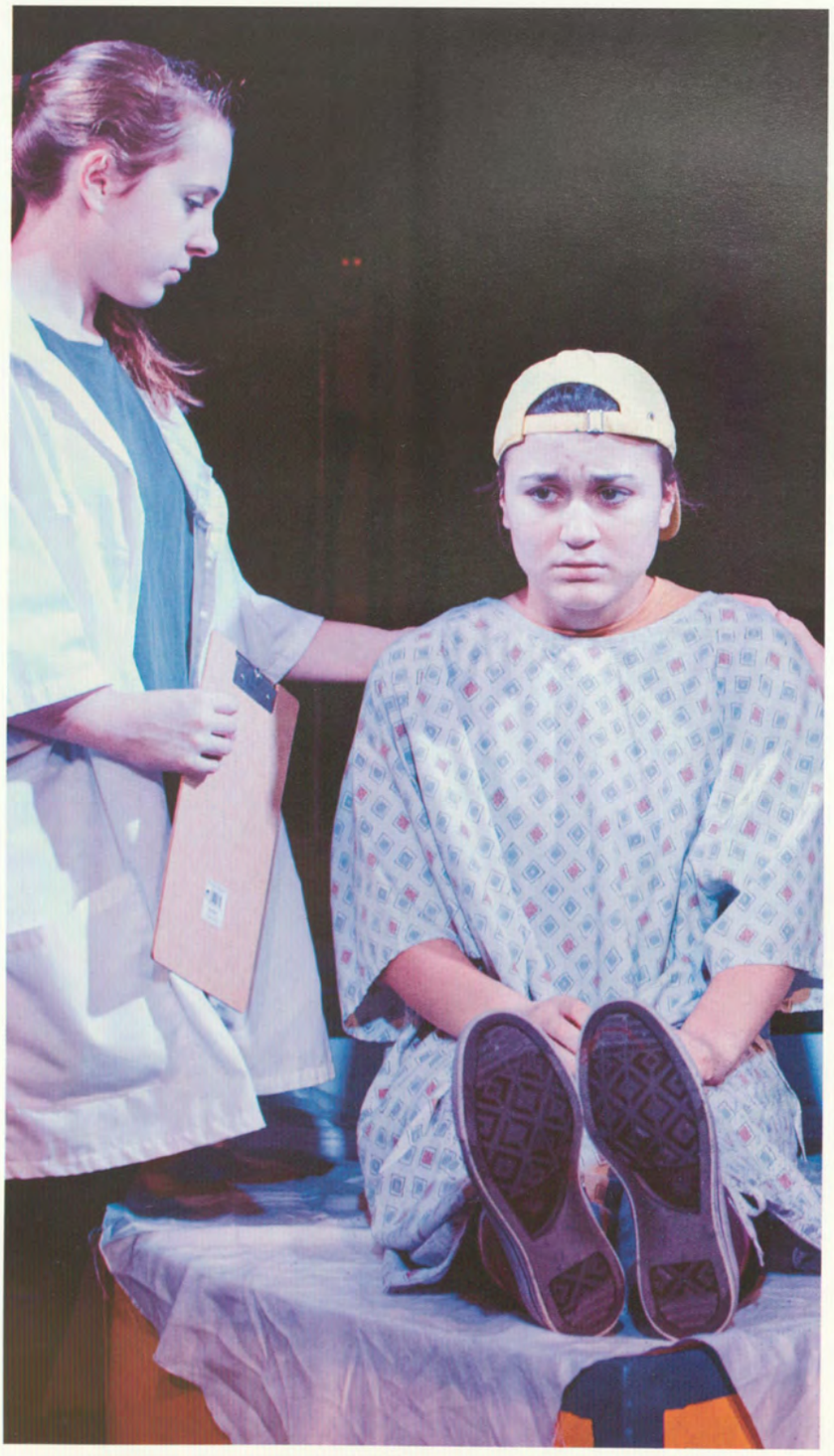

Yellow Boat

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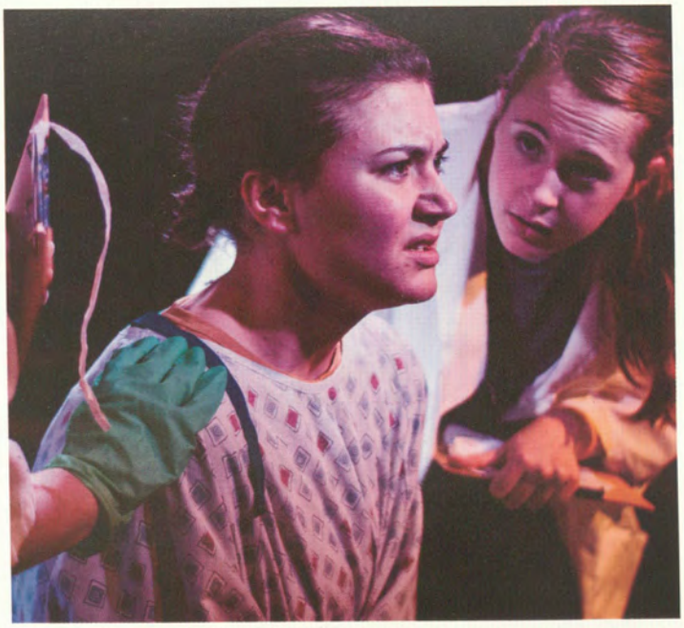
Samford Underground presented "The Yellow Boat" Nov. 8-9 at Studio 60. Alpha Psi Omega sponsored the show.

The play is based off a true story written by David Saar and tells the story of his son, Benjamin. Born in 1979, Benjamin was diagnosed with hemophilia as an infant. The diagnosis meant Benjamin needed to receive multiple blood transfusions as a child.

One such blood transfusion, given to Benjamin in the early days of the HIV epidemic, ended up infecting Benjamin with the virus. The play focuses on what ensued, including Benjamin's death at age 8.



Opera Workshop

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Photos contributed by: Samford Arts

As part of the Dr. Chandler and Jane Paris Smith Opera Series, the School of the Arts held an Opera Workshop Scene Presentation on Nov. 1 and 2 in Bolding Studio. The studio had a full house both nights, resulting in laughter, tears and enthusiastic audience participation.

The event included scenes from "The Marriage of Figaro," "Fiddler on the Roof," "On the Town," "Der Stein der Weisen, oder die Zauberinse" and "Lucinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena."

While the lead actors changed from Friday to Saturday night, the quality of the performances remained the same. In total, 39 undergraduate and graduate students were responsible for the success of the production.

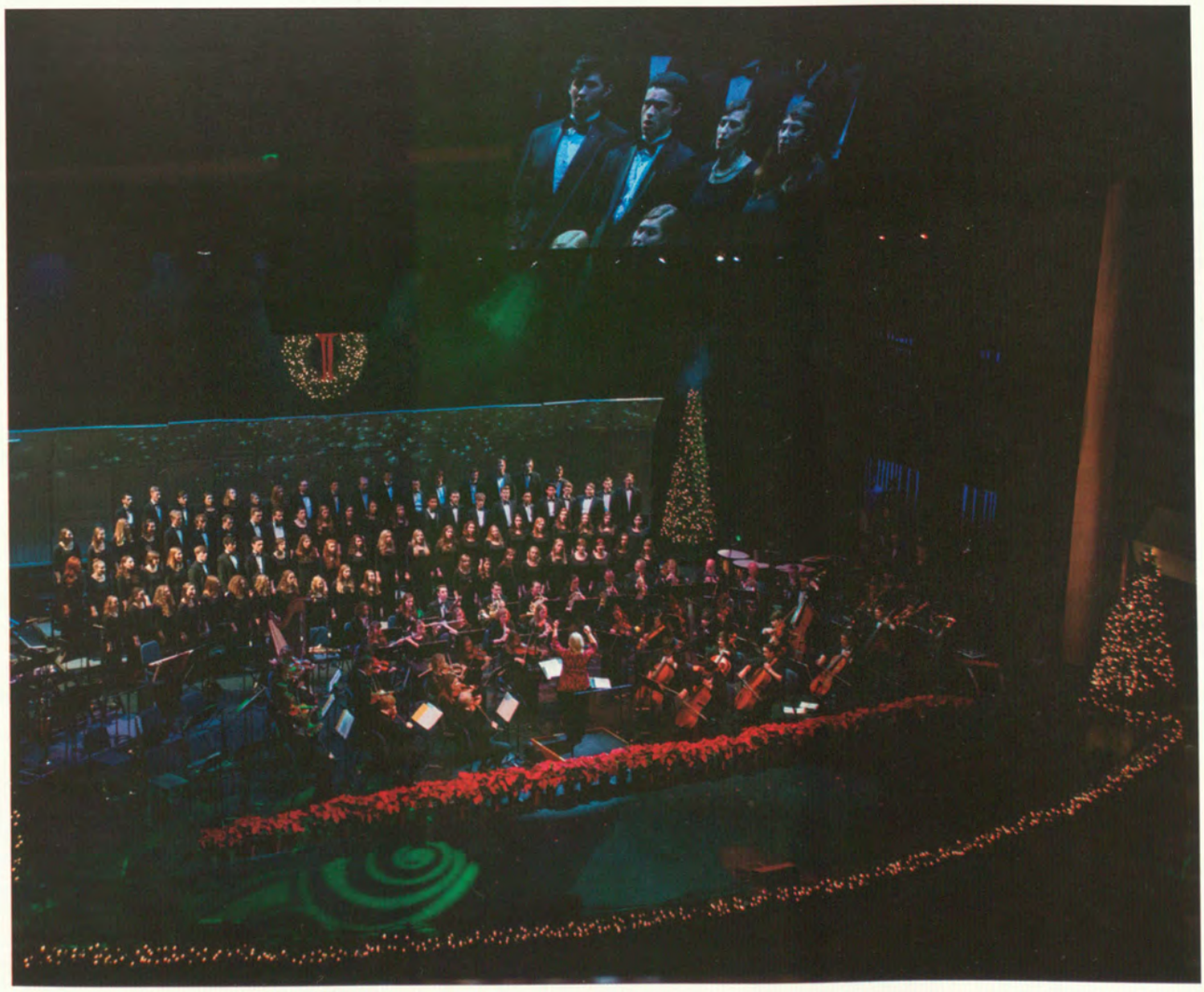
Christmas with Samford Arts

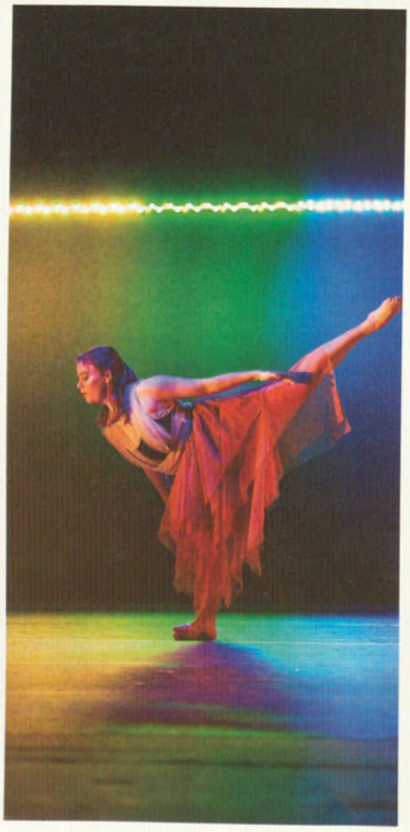
Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Madison Cooper

On Dec. 6, The Birmingham community joined Samford Arts to kick off the holiday season with the second-annual Christmas celebration.

Attendees were invited to arrive early and take part in a pre-show refreshment hour complete with cookies and cider in the Wright Center.

The Samford University Orchestra, A Cappella choir, Gracenotes, University Chorale and Worship Arts Ensemble all performed during the 90-minute show. Samford Faculty and the Samford Dance Company also joined in on the night's ensemble performances.





Passages Dance Concert

Article by: Moriah Mason
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On Feb. 21-23, the Samford Dance Company presented its annual dance concert performance, "Passages." The concert was part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance Series sponsorship.

It was held at Harrison Theatre on campus and featured 12 individual dance shows, each with its own theme.

One show, titled "FOMO," was about people's obsession with technology and how the only way they live life is when their phones are charging. Another show called "Mirror Mirror," was about how individuals define themselves through measurements, rather than focusing on other qualities such as generosity, strength, heart and soul.

Worship Arts Ensemble

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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Worship Arts Ensemble held various night of worship during the 2019-2020 school year, including its Fall night of worship on Nov. 5 in Reid Chapel. On Dec. 5, WAE, as it is known on campus, also helped lead the Hanging of the Way service, a beloved Samford tradition at Reid Chapel celebrating the birth of Christ.

WAE is composed of Samford students from a variety of majors across several departments including graphic design, business, and education.

WAE held its first performance in 2017 under the leadership of Dr. Eric Mathis, associate dean of the Samford School of the Arts. It began as an 18-voice, 5-piece ensemble and has since grown in size.

University Chorale

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University Chorale is one of several vocal ensembles part of the School of the Arts. Auditions are not required to join, allowing students from a variety of backgrounds to take part. Members perform at concerts and univeristy events throughout the year, including Samford's cherished holiday traditions. Students can enroll in ensembles as an academic course that counts toward general elective requirements for degrees offered throughout the university.

In October 2019, University Chorale performed at the Annual Hymn Sing, where students and their families took part in the annual tradition during Family Weekend. The Chorale also performed at a Combined Choir Concert with A Cappella Choir and Gracenotes.

A Cappella

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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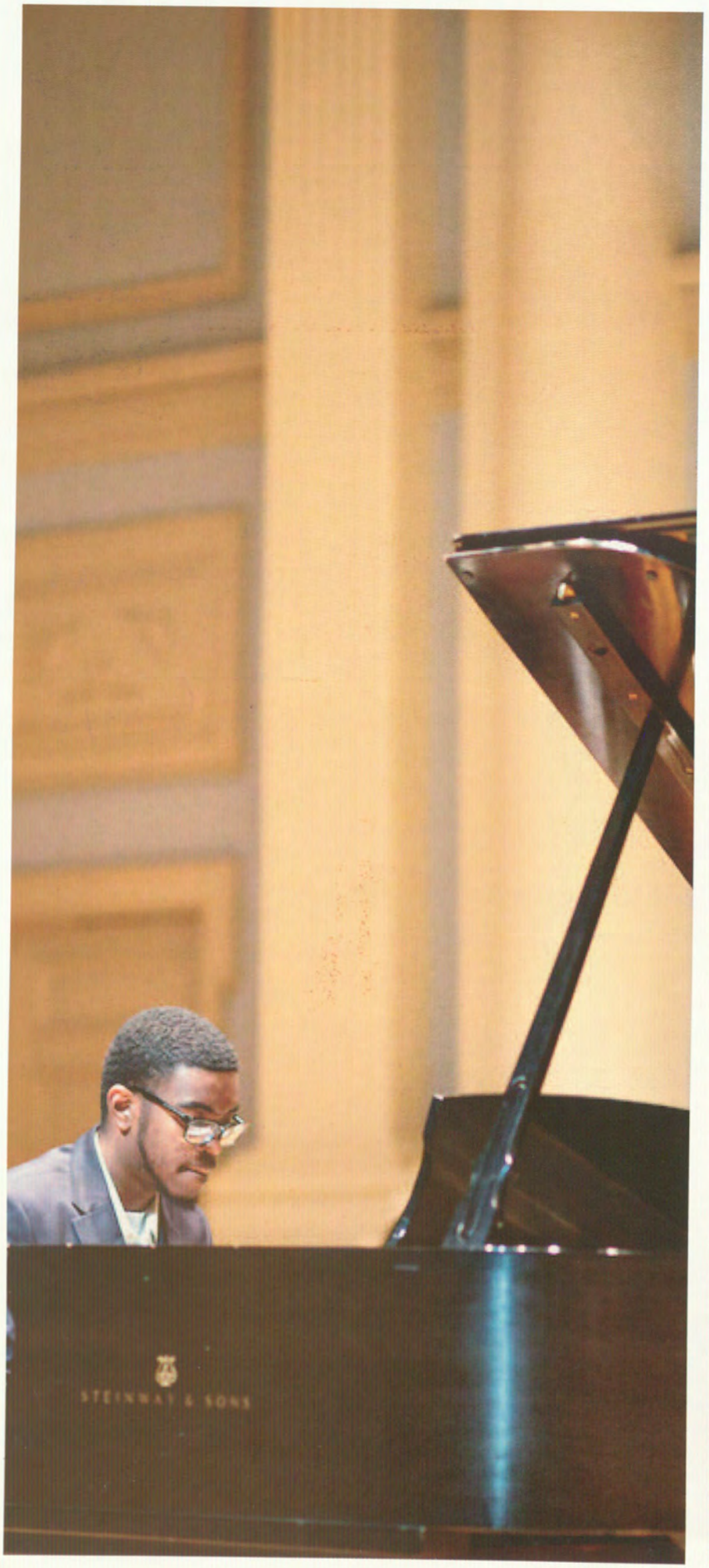
During the fall semester, A Capella Choir alumni and past directors gathered together to celebrate the ensemble's 80th anniversary. The celebration included past members from multiple generations for a weekend gathering with the theme, "family."

The 36-member group is internationally renowned, having performed in locations including Poland and Paris in years past. In December, the A Cappella Choir performed at the Hanging of the Green Ceremony at Reid Chapel to help mark the beginning of the Christmas season.

In May 2020, as the world locked down amid the COVID-19 pandemic, dozens of alumni joined together virtually to sing "Beautiful Savior" in a performance that was shared on the A Capella Facebook account.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BANDS AND ENSEMBLES

Story by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos Contributed by: School of Arts

The Division of Music within the School of Art offers students the opportunity to take part in a variety of instrumental ensembles regardless of their academic majors. Students can enroll in one of the offered bands, orchestra, or chamber ensembles. According to the School of Art, Ensembles can be taken as an academic course that counts toward general elective requirements for degrees offered throughout the university.

The Jazz Band is one of the ensembles available. Jazz Band members perform standard big band as well as small combo literature from various jazz styles. During a typical academic year, the Jazz Band will perform at various concerts both on and off campus.

The Orchestra, which is only available to students through an audition process, performs standard orchestral literature, operas, oratorios, concerti, and musical theatre shows. In March, prior to COVID-19 restrictions and cancellations, the Orchestra hosted a concert to highlight concerto competition winners Zac Wang and Trenton Smith. The event featured a combination of Samford's finest orchestra members with award-winning soloists.

According to The Samford Crimson, Wang (pictured bottom right) is currently earning his master's degree in music on piano performance and pedagogy. He previously completed a bachelor's degree with honors in music in piano performance at the University of Melbourne in Australia. Students pursuing majors or post-graduate work in performance study with experienced faculty, perform individually as well as with chamber and large ensembles, and gain exposure to international concert artists, according to Samford Arts. Students have access to individual private training, master classes, seminars, workshops, teaching practicums, and observations.

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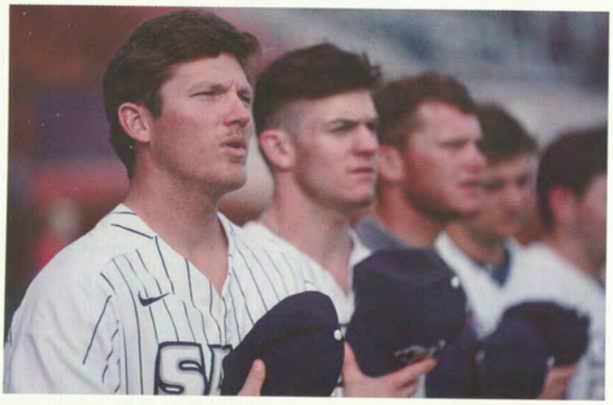

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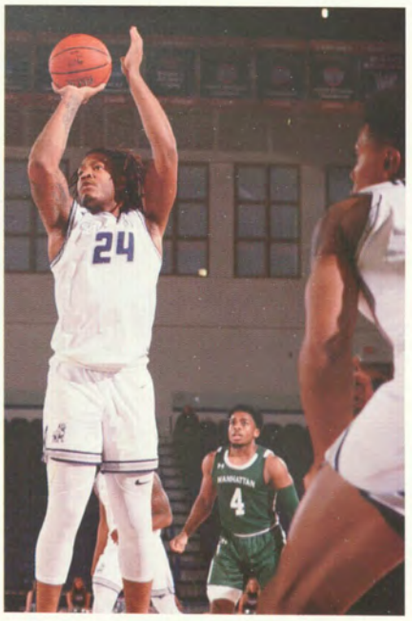
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FOOTBALL

Article by: Gunnar Sadowey
Photos by: Carter Davis

The Samford Bulldogs completed the 2019 season with an overall record of 5-7 (4-4 SoCon), finishing fifth in the Southern Conference standings.

Highlighted by impressive conference wins over No. 21 Wofford and No. 25 The Citadel, the Bulldogs played stellar football during a selection of games but lacked the depth and defensive prowess to put together a winning season.

In the final game of the season, Samford was thrashed 52-0 by the Auburn Tigers at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Throughout the course of the season, a quarterback duel ensued between University of South Florida transfer Chris Oladokun and junior Liam Welch.

Oladokun finished the year with 2,058 passing yards, 18 touchdowns and seven interceptions. He added 491 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground. Oladokun was also sacked 15 times.

In comparison, Welch passed for 759 yards, had six touchdowns and seven interceptions. He rushed for 160 yards and four touchdowns. Welch was sacked a total of nine times.

A third quarterback who saw playing time in 2019 was head coach Chris Hatcher's son, Ty Hatcher. Hatcher finished the year with a 100% completion percentage, completing a perfect 7/7 passes for 29 yards. He also tallied one reception on the year for 11 yards.

Freshman running back Jay Stanton led the Bulldog rushing game the entire season. Stanton appeared in 10 games, rushing for 690 yards on 122 carries, good for an average of 5.7 yards per carry. He finished with seven rushing touchdowns and two receiving touchdowns at the conclusion of his freshman campaign.

Senior wide receivers Chris Shelling and Robert Adams led the Bulldog receiving game. Shelling tallied five receiving touchdowns while Adams complied 565 receiving yards in 2019.

Samford struggled on the defensive side of the ball, finishing with zero interceptions at the end of the year. They allowed 37.8 points per game, ranking 120 out of 125 total FCS football teams. The defense gave up a total of 5,486 total yards and 57 touchdowns.

In terms of end-of-season accolades, multiple Bulldogs took home Southern Conference awards.

Junior Montrell Washington earned a second-team SoCon special teams spot for his kickoff and punt return ability. Washington finished the year with 458 return yards and one touchdown.

Sophomore kicker Mitchell Fineran earned second-team SoCon special teams as well, completing the year with 15 made field goals and 46 made extra points.

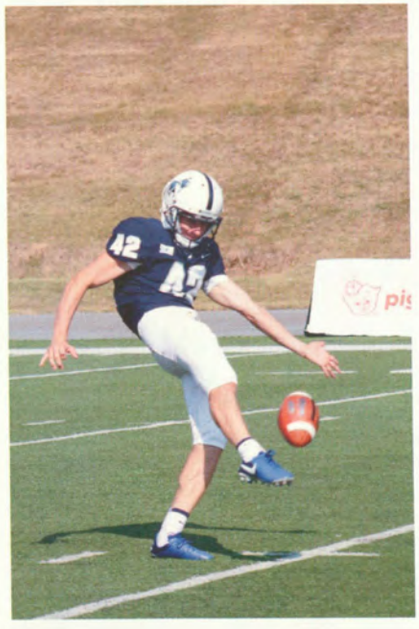
On the offensive side of the ball, senior offensive lineman Nick Nixon took home first-team SoCon honors.

Two players made the all-freshman list, Stanton and freshman wide receiver AJ Toney.

Samford's defense had three players earn SoCon defensive honors. Junior linebacker John Staton made first-team SoCon defense, finishing the year with 115 total tackles and three tackles for loss.

Junior Armond Lloyd picked up second-team honors, completing the year with 62 tackles and two sacks.

Freshman Trimarcus Cheeks earned an all-freshman spot with 47 tackles on the year.



Marching Band

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Carter Davis and Katie Roth

The Samford University Marching Band is a staple at football games in the fall. Open to interested students with or without previous marching experience, the band provides ample opportunities for musically inclined individuals to practice their skills. Along with performing at home football games, the band travels to one away game and also takes part in a high school marching exhibition each year.

In addition to developing students along the sidelines, the Marching Band helps students succeed in the classroom as well in the form of Athletic Bands Scholarships. These scholarships are available for winds, brass, percussion, color guard and majorettes through an audition process. The scholarships are available to all students, regardless of whether they are pursuing a degree in music.

The Samford Marching Bulldogs rehearse on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Color Guard

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Carter Davis

The Color Guard performs alongside the Marching Band during each football game's haltime performance. Immediately recognized thanks to their colorful flags, members are a staple of the football season. In addition, the Color Guard cheer on the Bulldogs from the stands during the game. Members eagerly show off their dance, gymnastics and tumbling moves, as well as their flag choreography and other weaponry skills during each performance.

During some seasons, members perform at various other events throughout the year for the student body and surrounding communities. Color Guard members practice several times a week ahead of each game, ensuring they help cheer on the Bulldogs at every game and at every performance.

Auditions for the Color Guard are held each year. Audition requirements ask that those trying out learn both a portion of a Bulldog routine and perform an individual routine that showcases their own strengths.

Cheerleading

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Carter Davis and Anna Grace Peters

Samford Cheerleaders are part of the Athletic Department's Spirit Program. Like other members of the Spirit Program, Samford Cheerleaders perform at all home football and basketball games, some away football games, and all post-season basketball tournaments.

According to the Spirit Program, its purpose is to "raise the level of campus spirit and community involvement in addition to connecting Samford University to the local Birmingham community."

Throughout the school year, Samford Cheerleaders host a variety of clinics, including a Fall Stunt Clinic for high schoolers and a Kids Clinic for children ages 4-12.

In the Spring, Samford Cheerleaders hosted a Spring Stunt Clinic and also spent a day in February cheering alongside The Exceptional Foundation Cheerleaders in Homewood, Alabama.

Dance Team

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Anna Grace Peters and Katie Roth

The Dance Team is part of the university's Athletic Band Program. According to the team's university website, team members are "passionate about Samford, dance, performing and serving the community." Team members aim to deliver that same enthusiasm and spirit to the various athletic and community events they dance at.

The team, which is composed of undergraduate students, dances at all home football games, home basketball games, and post-season basketball tournaments. Additionally, the dance team also performs at different events both on and off campus.

Team members practice three times a week. Those practices, according to the team, include both technique classes and contitioning.

Along with these requirements, team members must also take part in community service for a minimum of 10 hours each semester.

VOLLEYBALL

Article by: Carson Caulfield
Photos by: Katie Roth

The Samford Bulldogs volleyball team (24-5, 15-1) celebrated its second consecutive Southern Conference Tournament win in Spartanburg, South Carolina on Nov. 18, 2019.

The team took home the win after a nail-biting 3-2 victory over the ETSU Owls (25-6, 14-2).

"I feel very fortunate because ETSU is an exceptional team," Samford head coach Keylor Chan said in the post-game press conference. "We were able to do the small things."

Prior to the championship match, the Bulldogs also took down the Citadel (11-20, 4-12) and Furman (8-21, 7-9). Samford dominated the Citadel 3-0, and then defeated Furman in a close 3-2 battle in the semifinals.

The fact that the trophy was hoisted after a victory over ETSU was especially rewarding for the Bulldogs. ETSU was the only SoCon opponent that the Bulldogs lost to in the regular season. The Bulldogs went on to beat the Owls in their second meeting of the regular season, but it was nearly inevitable that the two powerhouses would meet once more.

Samford won the first two sets, 25-23 and 25-22, respectively. The Bulldogs just needed to win one more set to win the title, but the Owls were not done yet. They won the next two sets, 25-23, 25-17. Finally, in the fifth and final set, the Bulldogs dominated 15-8 to win the match.

The victory gave coach Chan his third SoCon tournament championship in only four years during his time at Samford.

As for All-Tournament honors, the Bulldogs who received recognition included:

Senior Kelsi Hobbs, who was named the tournament's most valuable player. She recorded a career-high 26 kills in the championship match.

Sophomore standout Lauren Deaton recorded 20 kills in the championship match, and earned a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Junior Sierra Rayzor also earned All-Tournament team honors. She recorded 28 total kills throughout the tournament.

The tournament selection show on Sunday revealed that the Bulldogs would travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to take on the Louisville Cardinals (19-9, 12-6) in the first round of the tournament. Despite their best effort, the Bulldogs fell to the Cardinals 0-3 in round one on Dec. 5.

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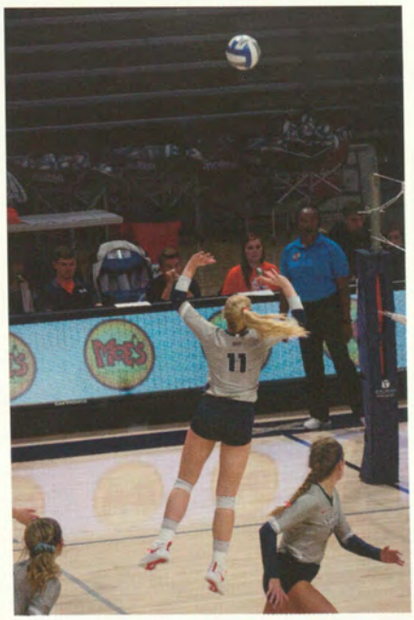
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Article by: Carson Caulfield
Photos contributed by: Samford Athletics

No one thought the Samford Bulldogs women's basketball team would be where they were on March 15 except for themselves.

The Bulldogs managed to turn a 3-9 start into an 18-14 record that ended with a 2020 Southern Conference regular season and tournament championship. This was head coach Carley Kuhn's first year with the Bulldogs, and quite a memorable first season it was.

"We continued to improve all year and everyone bought into their role and supported each other," Kuhns said. "We really played for the team and not as individuals."

And then, the 2020 season became even more memorable, but not how anyone hoped it would.

On March 15, the NCAA canceled the 2020 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament due to concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The tournament would have begun five days later.

"My initial reaction was just shock and sadness," Kuhns added. "The unbelievable opportunity that we earned to be taken away was just an unsettling feeling."

This would have been the Bulldogs' third appearance in the NCAA Tournament in program history. The outcome of the tournament was not even on the team's mind, but rather appreciating the opportunity to compete with the best teams in the country.

"Obviously, we know now the extremity of the situation, and that it was the right call, but I just really feel for every member of our team, staff, and especially our eight seniors who worked so hard their entire career to get to this point," Kuhns said.

The team's miraculous season reached far and wide and was even discussed by ESPN's Scott Van Pelt. Just after the NCAA and many high school athletic seasons were canceled, Van Pelt began a segment called "Senior Night," honoring the incredible seasons of 2020 that ended far too early.

"(Samford) started the year 1-6, then they were 3-9, but they stormed to the SoCon regular reason title, then the conference tournament title as well," said Van Pelt. "Their eight seniors were tournament bound."

"I thought it was really neat that we were recognized nationally and on that platform," Kuhns said in response to the shout out from Van Pelt. "All of our kids, their families, and the Samford community have really been behind making this team feel special and recognized."

A glimmer of good news that has impacted college athletics since the cancellation of all spring sports came one day after the news broke. The NCAA is planning to give all spring athletes an extra year of eligibility.

The 2020-2021 season, the second under the reigns of Carley Kuhns, will begin in November.

"I am so proud of this team, and it feels so special to have had this year with such an amazing group of women. I know we will cherish these memories forever and get to hang a banner in the Pete. Nothing can take away what they accomplished, which was two championships in one season."

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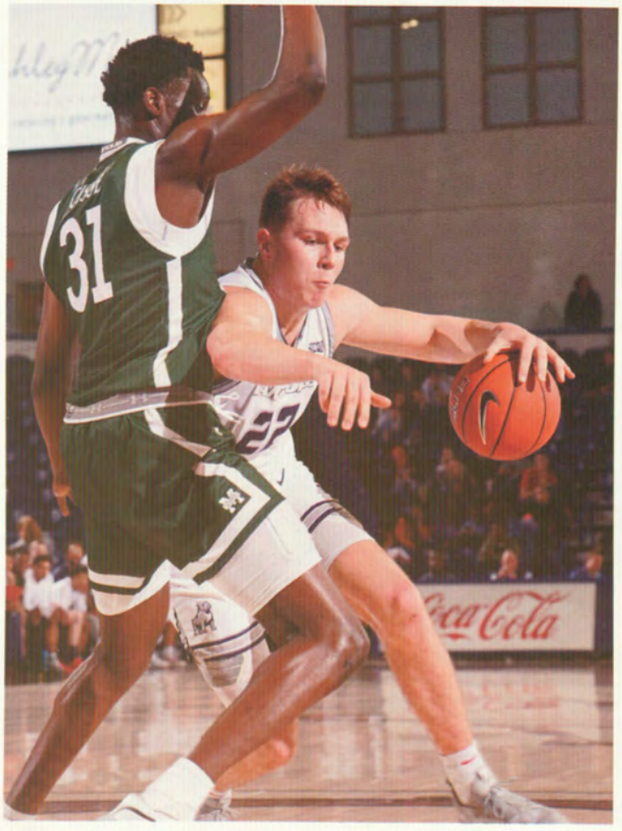
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Article by: Gunnar Sadowey and Entre Nous Staff
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The Samford Men's Basketball team finished its season with an overall record of 10-23 and a conference record of 4-14. Although the team had no trouble defeating SOCON rival, the Virginia Military Institute over the course of the regular season, VMI handed the Bulldogs a loss in the first round of the SOCON tournament with a 96-78 victory.

The defeat capped off a dissapointing end to the season for the Bulldogs, who won just one of their final 10 regular season games. Back in February, the men's basketball team suffered consecutive defeats within the span of four days.

In the first contest, the Bulldogs traveled to Macon, Georgia, to face off against the Mercer Bears.The final score marked the eighth time the Bulldogs were defeated by at least 15 points in SoCon play over the course of the season. The Bulldogs fell to Mercer in both contests.

Days later, Samford hosted the Buccaneers of East Tennessee State who helf off Samford by a score of 80-74.

April, however, brought hope for the Bulldogs. Samford Athletic Director Martin Newton announced that former Mountain Brook head basketball coach Bucky McMillan would be taking over as head coach of the Bulldogs.

"We wanted someone with head coaching experience and a proven track record of winning championships, someone who could excite and engage the Birmingham and Samford communities and someone who understands and embraces the mission of our great university," Newton said. "Bucky McMillan quickly became the obvious choice. Bucky has a proven track record of winning championships, a tireless work ethic, a unique basketball mind and the energy and enthusiasm to bring championship basketball to Lakeshore Drive."

During his time at the high school level, McMillan led Mountain Brook to five state titles, most recently in 2019. He guided the Spartans to the finals seven times in the state's highest division.

"I am ecstatic to be going to work for one of the top Christian universities in the country, whose values I believe in," McMillan said according to a press release. "I am excited to get to Samford and build relationships with the faculty and staff, and most importantly with the student-athletes."

Cross Country

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Samford Athletics

The Samford University men's and women's cross-country teams wrapped up their 2019-2020 season in November by competing in the NCAA South Region Championships hosted by Florida State University.

According to a Samford Athletics press release, the women's team took to the course first with Mary Grace Strozier and McKenzie Hogue on the six-kilometer course. Strozier was the first Bulldog to cross the line with a time of 21:18.4. Hogue completed the 6k course in 21:58.6. Shian Mallory (22:31.5), Katie Strozier (22:43.6), and Lindsey Biggar (23:00.6) clocked the final minutes for the Bulldogs in 2019.

The men took to the course on the ten-kilometer course next, with senior Dillon Dean finishing 17th overall and crossing the line in 30:49.9. Dean's 17th place finish earned him NCAA South All-Region honors. Jeb Jones (32:02.3) and Benjamin Garner (32:14.0) finished 2nd and 3rd respectively for the Bulldogs. In photo-finish, according to the release, Samuel Katulich and Hunter Poole closed the scoring with times of 33:12.2 and 33:12.3 respectively.

Earlier that same month, both teams competed in the Southern Conference Championships. The women's team took home runner-up honors while the men's team earned a third-place finish.

In January, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association named the men's and women's 2019 All-Academic teams. In order to qualify for the distinction, teams must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

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Women's Golf

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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The Samford Women's Golf team faced a dissapointing and abrupt end to its 2019-2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the season's cancellation, the team recorded several impressive finishes. At the Blue Hose Match Play, the team finished 1st of 8 and at the Terrier Intercollegiate, the team finished 2nd of 16. At the Kiawah Island Classic, known as one of the most prominent women's golf tournaments in the country, the team faced off against the top 53 programs from around the country and finished tied for 27th.

The team had been scheduled to take part in the Bama Beach Bash March, the John Kirk/Panther Intercollegiate, the Jan Weaver Murray State Invitational and the SOCON Championships toward the back end of the season.

Men's Golf

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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Similar to the Women's Golf team, the Men's team also had to deal with the cancellation of its final three rounds of appearances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the season's cancellation, the team finished tied for 6th place out of 15 at the Palmetto Intercollegiate. The team had its best finish of the abbreviated season at the Gulf Coast Collegiate where it came in 2nd out of 10. The team finished 3rd out of 14 at the UNCG Invitational Feb 14-16 in Palm City, Florida.

The team had been scheduled to make appearances at Grand Canyon University and Furman University, before finishing out its season at the SOCON Championship April 19-21 in Greensboro, Georgia. Despite the challenges the pandemic posed both on the course and in the classroom, 7 team members made it onto the Dean's List.

Soccer

Article by: Carson Caulfield
Photos contributed by: Samford Athletics

The Samford Bulldogs soccer team (13-4-5) ended its season with a loss to the South Carolina Gamecocks (17-1-3) in the first round of the 2019 NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament.

Samford earned a bid to the tournament after beating Furman in the Southern Conference championship. The Bulldogs made their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in three years.

The Bulldogs held tight through 40 minutes of play against the recently crowned SEC champions. In the 41st minute, Samantha Chang finally broke through with a goal for South Carolina. The Gamecocks put up two more goals, coming from Luciana Zullo (55') and Riley Tanner (81'). When the final whistle blew, the game finished 3-0 in favor of South Carolina.

Although this loss was the final game of the 2019 season for the Bulldogs, the team, with head coach Todd Yelton at its helm, enjoyed several achievements.

The Bulldogs won both the regular season SoCon Championship and the SoCon Tournament. Yelton, who is in his 16th season of coaching at Samford, has not won both in the same season since 2016.

The Bulldogs did not lose a single home game during the season and only lost once in SoCon play. The team also tied LSU, UAB and Auburn in the regular season.

The leading scorer for the Bulldogs this season was Taylor Yount, who finished the regular season with ten goals. Other notable players included Forward Kyla Reynolds and Goalkeeper Morgan McAslan. Reynolds finished with nine goals and two assists. McAslan recorded 90 saves throughout the year.

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Women's Tennis

Article by: Gunnar Sadowey
Photos contributed by: Samford Sports

The Samford women's tennis team was forced to cut its season short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many seniors have since voiced their feelings about the matter, acknowledging that the situation is unfortunate but can be used as a learning experience.

One of those athletes is senior Holly May Horsfall.

"When I first found out that there was a chance the season was going to be cancelled, four of my senior teammates and I huddled together on the locker room floor in tears," Horsfall said. "We were crushed there was a possibility we were never going to finish the season the way we deserved to, and the fact that we will never have a senior day or any closure killed us."

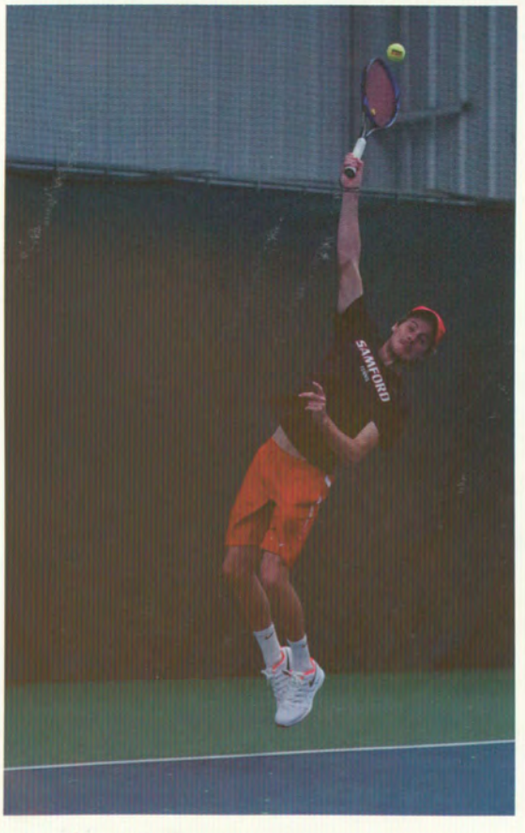
Although Horsfall will not take advantage of the NCAA's option to automatically renew another year of eligibility, she believes the opportunity is solid.

"I think the fifth year of eligibility is amazing," Horsfall said. "It is just so difficult when a lot of us have planned our lives based on a May graduation."

Although the season ended before anyone expected, Horsfall and her senior teammates are thankful for their time at the university.

"We are so grateful for our time and we wish we could have finished our season but it just wasn't meant to be."

The Bulldogs finished with a 7-6 overall record (0-0 SoCon).



Men's Tennis

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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Like the women's team, the Samford men's tennis team was also forced to cut its season short due to COVID-19. The team's final four matches, including four SoCon appearances, were cancelled.

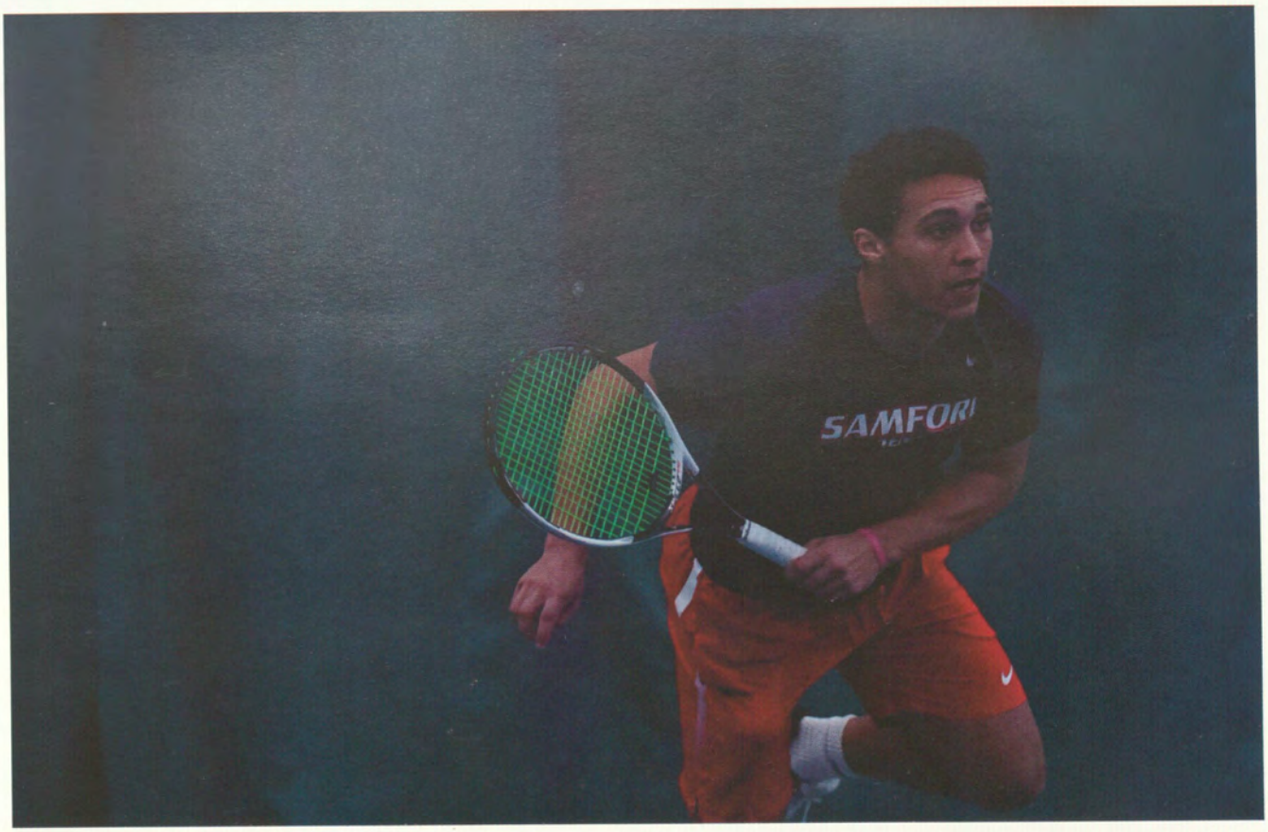
The team had been scheduled to end its season at the Southern Conference Tournament in Chattanooga, Tennessee April 17-19 before its ultimate cancellation.

Ahead of the tournament, the men's team was ranked fifth in conference standings with an overall record of 5-6 (1-2 SoCon).

In May, The Samford Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) announced the winners of the 12th-Annual SAMSPY Awards virtually through the Samford Athletics' Social Media channels.

According to a news release about the event, the Comeback Athlete of the Year award went to men's tennis player Mohammed Ali Bellalouna. During his freshman season, Bellalouna underwent two heart surgeries. He fought back to earn the No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles spot in the lineup during his second season.

In August, the men's tennis team earned the ITA All-Academic Team award. For a team to be named an ITA All-Academic Team, the squad must maintain a minimum 3.2 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, according to a news release.



Softball

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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Like many other spring sports teams, the Samford Softball team saw its season cut short due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic. All games after the team's March 12 win against Bryant, including what would have been the season's third Samford Tournament, were cancelled.

The team finished its short season with an overall record of 10-16 and a home record of 6-6.

According to a Samford Crimson article by Sports Reporter Carson Caulfied, pitcher Abby Swaney and first baseman O'Neil Roberson found success early in the season despite being relative newcomers to the team. Swaney's first victory on the mound came in the form of a shutout against Eastern Illinois. Roberson, according to Caulfied, made her much anticipated debut with the Bulldogs as a junior transfer from Mississippi State. Early in the season, Roberson was named SoCon player of the week for her performance at the first Samford Tournament of the year.

The first award of the day was the Best Blooper award, which was given to softball's Mekhi Mayfield for her fall on the way to first base in an early-season 2020 game.

In May, The Samford Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) announced the winners of the 12th- Annual SAMSPY Awards virtually. Mekhi Mayfield took home the Best Blooper Award in the spirit of fun for her fall on the way to first base in an early-season game.

Baseball

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The Samford Baseball team was able to play just over three weeks of its season before the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the remaining games. The Bulldogs had gotten off to a successful start putting up a 13-2 record before the season was shut down. The team had hoped to continue its 2019 when they team won the SoCon regular-season title.

Despite the shortened season, the team still impressed.

According to a Samford Sports news release, D1Baseball.com named Samford the top team in the Southern Conference. D1Baseball also named second baseman Brooks Carlson the league's top hitter in May based on games played. Carlson, according to the release, led the Southern Conference and ranked second in the nation with a .500 batting average. He also led the SoCon in hits (25), on-base percentage (.644) and walks (20) in the 15 games played.

D1Baseball also named Bulldogs catcher Tyler McManus one of the top junior college transfers in the country in May.

According to Samford Sports, McManus hit .440 with a double, four home runs and 11 RBI in nine games played.
In the 2020 season McManus had a .990 slugging percentage and an on-base percentage of .611, according to Samford Sports.

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TRACK AND FIELD

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As with almost all other spring sports, Samford men's and women's track teams were unable to complete their 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the shortened season, both the men's and women's teams performed well at four regular season meets and went on to shine at the SoCon Indoor Championships. According to Samford Sports, Mary Grace Strozier won the women's 3000 meter run and McKenzie Hogue won the women's mile at the Blazer Invitational hosted by UAB at the Birmingham CrossPlex.

Later on in the season, at a series of meets hosted by Samford at the CrossPlex, Hogue finished first in the women's mile, Dillon Dean finished first in the men's 3,000 meters and Justin Stuckey finished first in the men's high jump, according to Samford Sports. Evan Brooks finished second in the men's 200 meter run, as did Charlotte Krause in the women's high jump, Morayo Bhadmos in the women's triple jump, Matt Cahoon in the men's weight throw and Ty Kimberlin in the men's heptathlon.

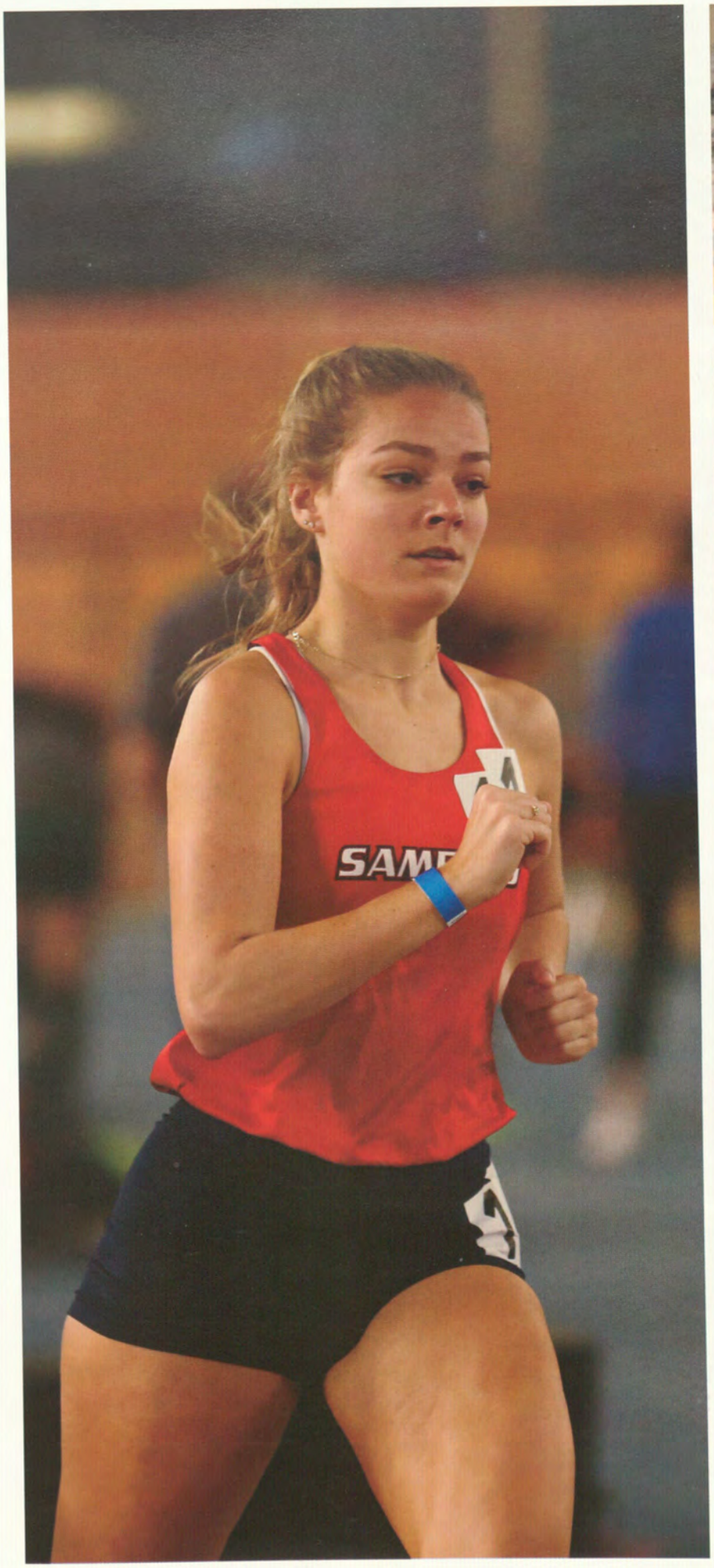
At the Jaguar Invitational hosted by the University of South Alabama, the Bulldogs continued to clock in impressive finishes. As reported by Samford Sports, Krause finished first in the women's high jump. Bhadmos, meanwhile finished first in the women's triple jump. Tally Wilson finished second in the women's pole vault, as did Hogue in the women's mile, Strozier in the women's 5,000-meter run, Stuckey in the men's high jump, Jeb Jones in the men's mile, Titus Moore in the 60-meter hurdles and Dean in the 5,000-meter run.

At Samford's second home meet at the Birmingham CrossPlex, Veronica Lyle finished first in the women's 800-meter run and Hogue clinched the women's 3000 meter title. Other first-place finishers included Morayo Bhadmos in the triple jump, Shian Mallory in the women's 800-meter and Katie Strozier in women's one-mile run.

At the SoCon Championship meet, Samford athletes took home 10 event titles. Collectively, the men's team scored 190 points and the women's team scored 177.5 points, earning them both first-place finishes.

Head Coach Rod Tiffin was named the league's Coach of the Year for both the men and the women.

Matt Cahoon was named the Most Outstanding Men's Field Performer, Maggie Johnston was named the Most Outstanding Women's Field Performer, Emmanuel Tait earned Most Outstanding Men's Track Performer and Evan Brooks was named the Men's Freshman of the Year.



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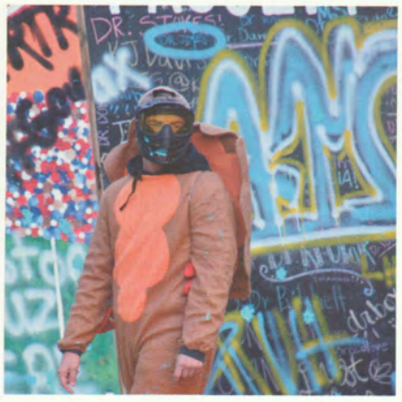

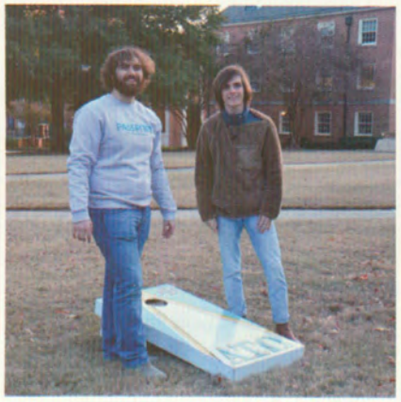

Recruitment

Article by: Susannah Smith
Photos by: Madison Cooper and Katie Roth

Rush week is a time for sororities and fraternities to recruit students to join their Greek letter organizations. After the first two weeks of the semester, sororities faced a busy but successful week. On Bid Day, each house — Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha — welcomed about 70 girls to their new home away from home.

Fraternities began recruitment the following week, welcoming new members to Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu.

Philip Song, a senior finance major and member of Lambda Chi Alpha, had a bittersweet time rushing the new members. He helped recruit new members who he felt could carry on the fraternity once he graduated.

"As a senior, I wanted to make sure it was in better shape now than when I found it," said Song. "It was a great way to mentor the new guys and show them the ropes of what it means to be a brother."

Cassidy Robinson, junior journalism and mass communications major and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, knew she would be able to create individual connections that would last a lifetime when she joined her sorority.

"I saw recruitment as a great opportunity not only to find my home, but also as a way to meet people and make friends as soon as I got to school," Robinson said.

While the rush process can at first seem a bit daunting, many people join Greek letter organizations because it gives them the opportunity to create memories and long-lasting friendships, be involved on campus and raise funds and awareness for various philanthropic organizations.

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Alpha Delta Pi

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Carter Davis, Anna Grace Peters and Ansley Reese

Alpha Delta Pi, according to the sorority's history, was established in 1851 at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and is said to be the first sorority in history. The Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Pi at Samford Univeristy was founded on March 19, 1910.

According to the chapter's website, the Kappas of Alpha Delta Pi are "committed to each other, high academics, and values." The chapter is said to welcome home a "diverse group of girls with different qualities. Their motto, "We live for each other" is one the girls take to heart.

"Our girls truly embody the phrase and love each other endlessly. We treasure this organization and are privileged to be a part of an amazing chapter, not just for our time at Samford, but for the rest of our lives," their website reads.

On the chapter's blog, May 2020 graduating senior, JMC Public Relations major Erica Wilson reflected on her time in ADPi.

"A lot of my favorite memories have been during recruitment," Wilson wrote. "I loved all coming together and spending every day together as a chapter for two weeks straight. And of course loved the dance parties! I loved being able to be Recruitment Vice President for a year and be a member of Exec. I'll also never forget the many beach trips with my sisters and going to Summer Beach Project with so many ADPi's!"

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ALPHA OMICRON PI

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
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Since its founding on January 2, 1897 at Barnard College of Columbia University, members of Alpha Omicron Pi have enjoyed the ideals of sincerity, service and friendship that form the foundation of the organization.

Today, more than 196,000 AOPII members comprise more than 200 chapters at universities across the country.

The Rho Delta Chapter at Samford University continues to uphold those founding principles. Additionally, its members are guided by the values of simplicity, integrity, tolerance, generosity, personal dignity and love.

"Our lives are to be living symbols of these values that we hold in common," reads the Rho Deltas' website. "They enable us to go with character and confidence into the world around us, with assurance in knowing AOII is ours, offering friendships and opportunities throughout our lifetime."

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CHI OMEGA

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Chi Omega

The Zeta Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega describes itself as "an intergenerational women's organization forever committed to our five founding purposes," according to its website. Those founding purposes include: friendship, personal integrity, service to others, academic excellence and intellectual pursuits, as well as community and campus involvement.

Their Vision Statement reads: "Sisters inspired by our values who serve the world while keeping Chi Omega ever at heart."

In describing what she thinks about when asked about Chi O, Haley Joe Febrey said "This home has always been an invitation to freedom," according to the chapter's blog. "Freedom to love and be loved. Freedom to be 100% me. Chi Omega has been one of my most cherished gifts of college and one of the things that has impacted me the most!"

In 2019, Samford University recognized the chapter as having the Highest GPA and the Most Improved GPA.

TRI DELTA

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Photos courtesy of: Tri Delta

The Epsilon Xi chapter of Tri Delta describes itself as "an assembly of women with shared values where you can be yourself and belong to something bigger," according to its website. Its members are said to be "brave, bold and kind," as well as "passionate about serving others, committed to becoming the best version of ourselves and dedicated to helping women Live, Learn and Lead – with Purpose – for a lifetime."

The chapter was founded at Samford University in the fall of 2016. What began as a chapter with 40 members has since grown to a sisterhood of more than 200.

Each year, the chapter works to raise money for its philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The chapter has helped contribute toward the more than $75 million raised by chapters around the country in support of St. Jude's mission, including $76,659 recently.

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Article by: Selah Vetter
Photos by: Carter Davis

Being a part of a sorority is about building community, making friends and finding a way to give back to charities and organizations. For the ladies of Phi Mu, that means supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, a nonprofit organization located in Alabama and around the country that raises money for children's hospitals and medical research.

During recruitment week, Phi Mu members promoted Children's Miracle Network by wearing "We Believe in Miracles" shirts and educating potential members on the impact of the organization.

Throughout the year, Phi Mu hosted fundraising events to raise money for Children's. Their biggest event is a concert called Bonnamu, cleverly named after the famous Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. This year, Phi Mu raised $9,607 from the concert.

Bonnamu was held on Sept. 28 in downtown Birmingham at Railroad Park. Students enjoyed snow cones and popcorn as they watched the musical performances. Sophomore commercial music major Taylor Wilson and sophomore pre-business major Welden Willis opened the concert for the main performer, Jordy Searcy.

"I was so excited to bring a bunch of people together from across campus to support an incredible philanthropy," Wilson said. "Of course I loved that I was getting exposure for my music, but the main focus of this event was the Children's Miracle Network."

"I was so stoked to perform for all my Samford friends," said Searcy, an indie-pop musician from Nashville. "It's a school we come back to often, and we were honored to be asked back."

At Bonnamu, a young girl spoke to the students about her experience at Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. She thanked Phi Mu and the attending students for donating to an organization that helps alleviate treatment costs for families.

All year long, Phi Mu helped raise money for the organization through various fundraisers and generous donations.

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ZETA TAU ALPHA

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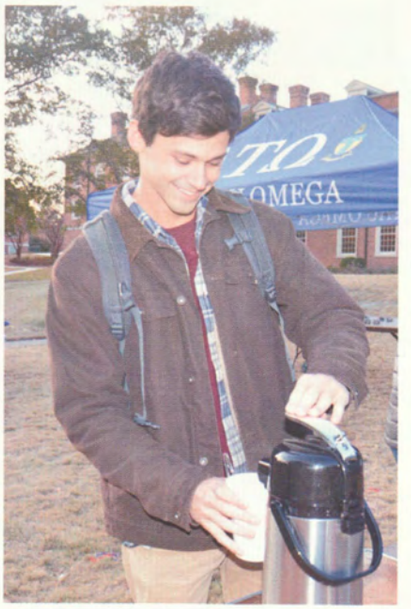
The Delta Psi chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha is led each day by the concept of love. According to its website, the sisters "strive to show love to those within and without our circle." This foundation, built on love, is one they believe will guide its members beyond college and into adulthood.

Since ZTA was originally founded in 1898, it has grown to include more than 235,000 women across the nation. The Delta Psi chapter of ZTA was founded at Samford University in 1965. At Samford, ZTA sisters strive to live out their guiding Creed, which is one of loyalty, responsibility, service, leadership, and commitment at heart.

The women of ZTA are encouraged to developed their leadership abilities and host an assortment of educational opportunities to help them do so. In addition, the chapter works each year to support its philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. Each October, the chapter hosts several Think Pink activities as well as restaurant fundraiser nights at places like Chick-Fil-A and Chipotle. Each fall, the chapter hosts a campus-wide volleyball tournament called Volley for a Cure where Samford students join together to benefit the philanthropy. The spring is a busy time for ZTA, as members host one of the biggest Greek fundraisers of the year, Mr. Samford.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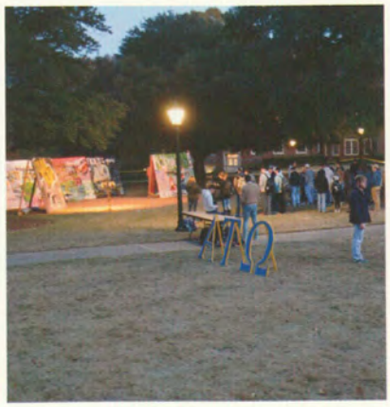
The Kappa Rho chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Samford University prides itself on being "a place where you belong, a place to have fun, and a place where you can grow and develop in meaningful ways."

The chapter is one of the newest fraternities on campus, having been founded in 2014 and chartered in the spring of 2015. Since then, it has grown to encompass more than 100 active members.

Rather than limit their sights on just the college experience, members of ATO are encouraged to think about the chapter as a brotherhood that seeks to make a difference and is guided by its values-based foundation.

Alpha Tau Omega was initially founded in 1865 and has since led more than 200,000 through their college journey and beyond. It is known as America's Leadership Development Fraternity and is fit for young men seeking opportunity.

At Samford, the chapter participates in "365 recruitment," meaning they welcome new pledge classes in both the spring and the fall.



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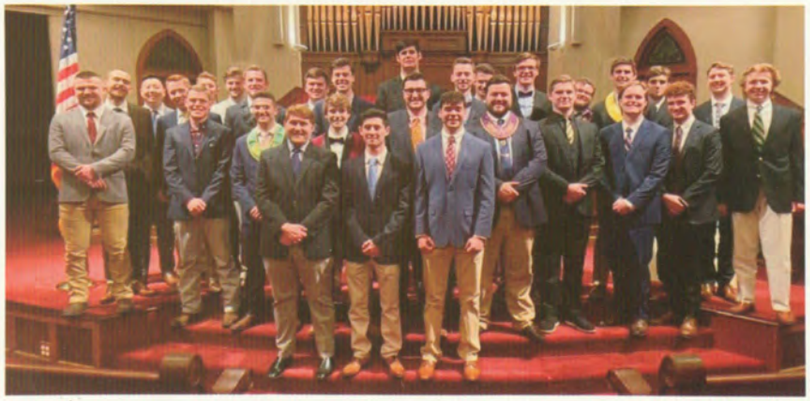

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

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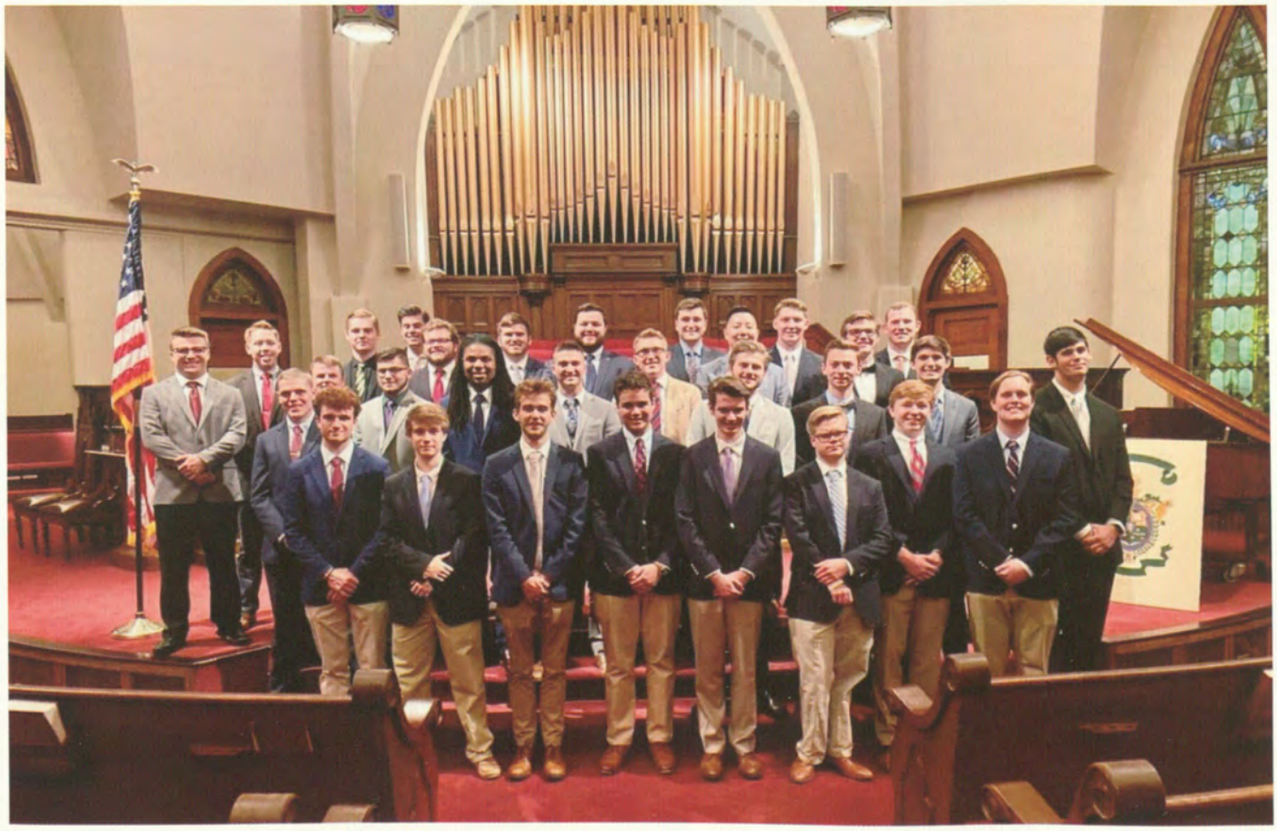
The Theta Alpha Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha distinguishes itself as "Samford's most historic chapter." Its history dates back to 1919 when Samford was known at the time as Howard College.

Over the years, the original chapter underwent changes as it merged with other national fraternities to ultimately become what it is today. Since its founding, it has gone on to influence two national fraternities and "remains a force in present day with ambitious plans for the future."

According to its website, members of the Theta Alpha Zeta chapter are encouraged to live by the fraternity's creed, to like by the "highest standards and acts of honor, chivalry, unselfishness, and loyalty to Christian principles."

At Samford, the chapter has won multiple campus and national awards that reflect its members and accomplishments.



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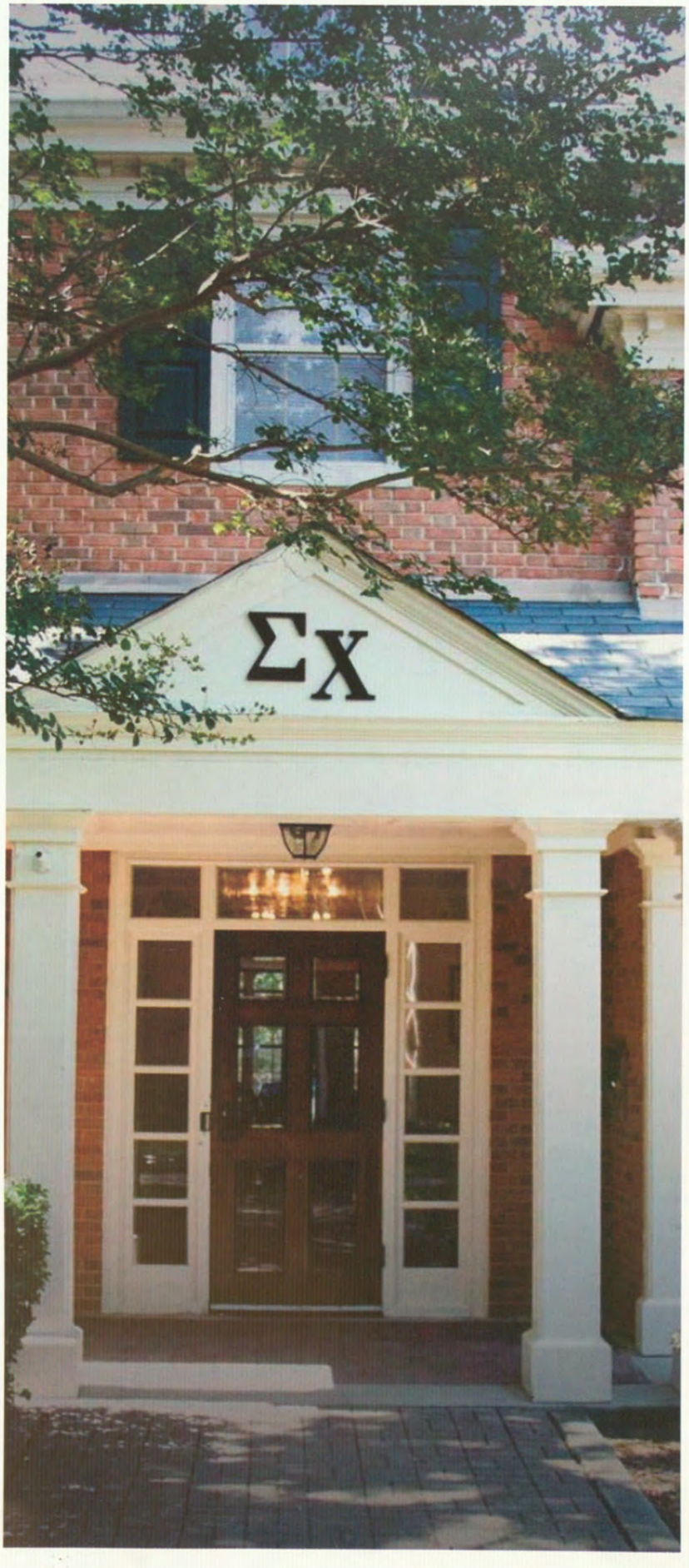
Samford University's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity celebrated the chapter's 95th anniversary in 2020. What began at the College of Charleston in South Carolina has grown to a fraternity that today spans more than 130 college campuses.

According to Pi Kappa Phi's national page, the fraternity's Mission is to "create an uncommon and lifelong brotherhood that develops leaders and encourages service to others for the betterment of our communities."

Pi Kapps are led by their fundamental public values of Common Loyalty, Personal Responsibility, Achievement, Accountability, Campus Involvement, Responsible Citizenship and Lifelong Commitment.

Each year, Pi Kapps work to support their national philanthropy, the Ability Experience, aimed at helping to empower people living with disabilities. Members help fundraise, spread awareness for and participate in service days throughout the year in support of the philanthropy.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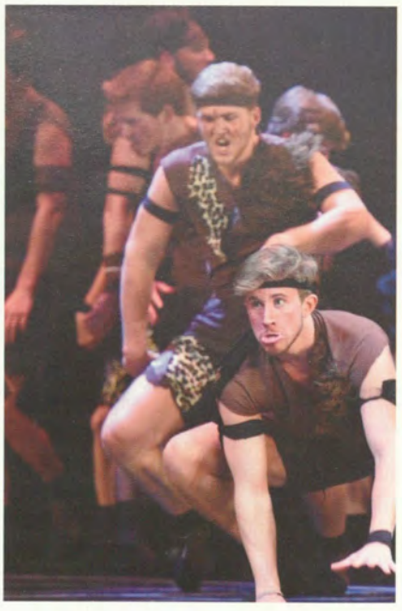

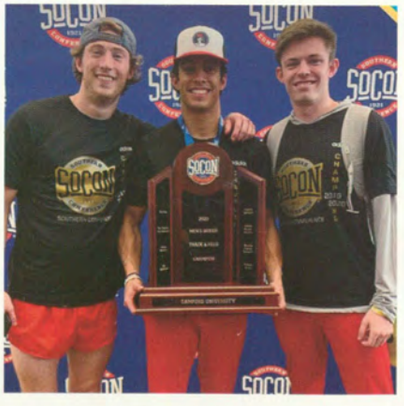
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SIGMA CHI

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Photos courtesy of: Sigma Chi

Sigma Chi prides itself on being "among the oldest, most highly awarded, and most active fraternities on Samford's campus." According to the Sigma Chi website, members aim to promote Christian values, academic achievement, social involvement, leadership, and philanthropy.

Sigma Chi encourages members to be productive and caring, not just to each other, but also to their families, their college and their surrounding communities. Through its programs and activities, Sigma Chi hopes to "foster leadership, build character and promote positive relationship skills" among its members.

In February, Sigma Chi took home the coveted Sweepstakes Award in Samford University's 2020 Step Sing. The fraternity performed with the theme "Rock with You," where they portrayed the story of cavemen.

According to a Samford press release, the show's directors included Hampton Dortch, a junior finance major from Vestavia Hills, Alabama; Grayson Hill, a junior marketing major from Cordova, Tennessee, and Jackson McKinney, a sophomore business major from Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Sigma Chi members competed against more than 1,200 students in 16 groups in their Sweepstakes win.

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Established in 1879, the Iota chapter of Sigma Nu is the oldest continuous fraternity at Samford University. Along with its tenure at Samford, the chapter is also the longest continually standing charter in the nation.

According to its Samford website, Sigma Nu members pride themselves on their "selective nature and close-knit brotherhood." This has been their driving force for the past 123 years. Members aim to succeed in all areas of college life, including academics and athletics. At Samford, members are also driven by a pledge toward Christian growth.

In February, the chapter was recognized by Samford Greeks as the year's Outstanding Philanthropy. The chapter worked alongside the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in "hopes of changing how people view mental health and letting people know that they will always have support from the men of Sigma Nu."

According to the Sigma Nu national website, the fraternity's mission is "to develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Honor and Truth." Additionally, members aim to "78143,foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart and character" while perpetuating lifelong friendships. On a national scale, Sigma Nu members have logged nearly 350,000 hours of community service hours and have raised $1.56 million for charities.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

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The "Oh So Outrageous" Omicron Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was chartered May 14, 1988 on the campus of Samford University and is a member of the NPHC.

According to its Samford website, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s mission is to "cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of 'Service to All Mankind.'"

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was originally founded in 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Today it enjoys a members of 300,000 across 1,026 chapters.

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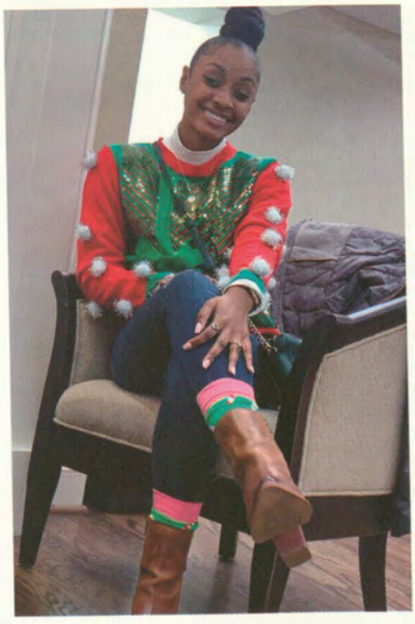

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DELTA SIGMA THETA

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Photos courtesy of: Delta Sigma Theta

The Sigma Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered on March 18, 1995 at Samford University. Delta Sigma Theta is a member of NPHC and describes itself as "an organization of college-educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community."

At the 2019 Alabama State Cluster in November, Delta Sigma Theta was recognized as a Red Ribbon Chapter for its Outstanding Service. It also received awards for Physical and Mental Health, International Awareness and Involvement, as well as Educational Development.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated was initially founded in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

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DELTA XI PHI

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Delta Xi Phi

The Omega chapter of Delta Xi Phi at Samford University prides itself for being "the only multicultural sorority" on campus. Delta Xi Phi is an Associate member of College Panhellenic and was originally founded in 1994 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Delta Xi Phi has since grown to campuses in 14 states.

The Omega chapter was founded at Samford on May 5, 2012.

According to its Samford website, Delta Xi Phi is based on five pillars: The Advancement of Women through Higher Education, Community Service, Increasing Multicultural Awareness, Sisterhood, and Friendship. These pillars "inspire intelligent, motivated women to make a difference in their lives and in the lives of others."

In February, Delta Xi Phi Omega was recognized as having the Highest GPA at the Greek Awards. It also received an award for Educational Programming.

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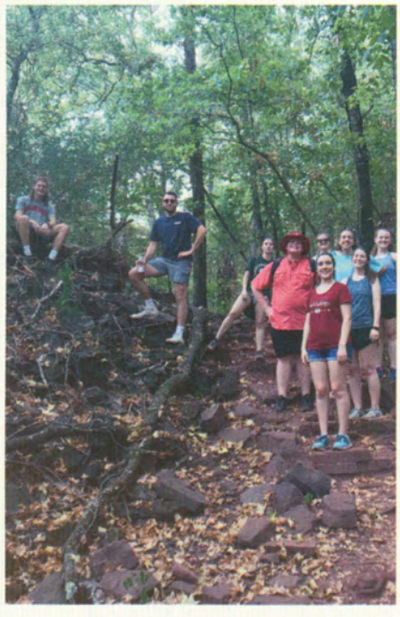

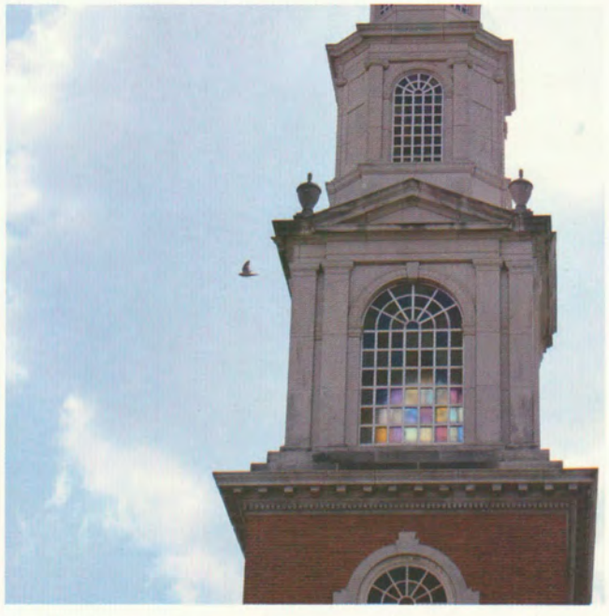

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GUEST CAMPUS MINISTRIES

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Students at Samford University have the opportunity to find a ministry that speaks to them regardless of their background or denomination. A number of guest campus ministries welcome students each year seeking fellowship and worship.

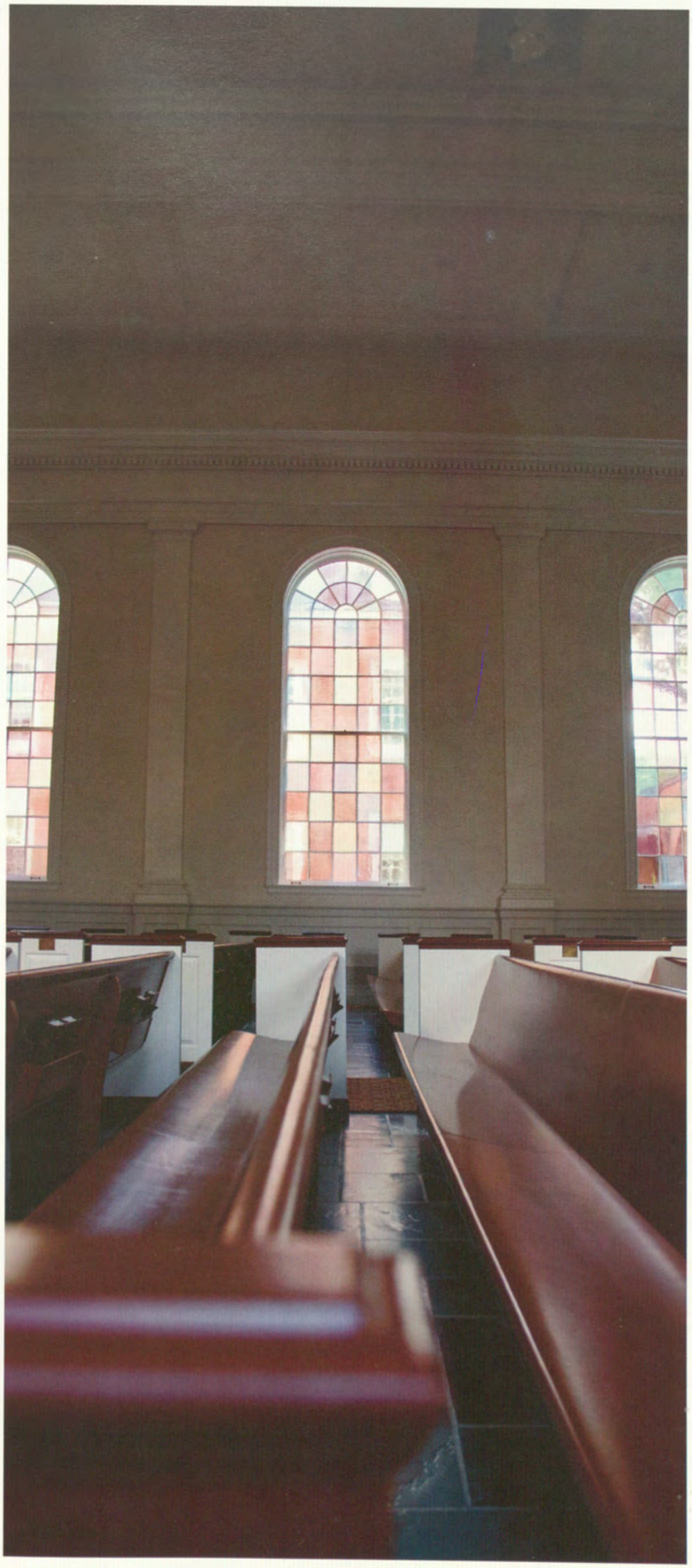
Members of the Birmingham Episcopal Campus Ministries, according to its Samford website, "believe that God is calling us into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, and each other." The Episcopal Campus Ministry is a ministry of The Episcopal Church in Alabama. Students are invited to take part in weekly conversations at the University Center each Wednesday morning. Students can also take part in weekly campus worship, which is held each Wednesday at noon in Reid Chapel. Worship is also held at the Birmingham Episcopal Campus Ministries student center near UAB.

Campus Outreach describes itself as "an interdenominational campus ministry that exists to 'multiply Christ-like leaders' on the campus for the lost world." Campus Outreach began its ministry at Samford in 1978. Through evangelism, prayer, and discipleship, the goal of Campus Outreach is to "see students fall in love with Jesus through the Word & prayer, learn how to lead others to Him, and beg God to transform lives." Today, Campus Outreach is part of almost 80 campuses across five continents.

The Catholic Student Association welcomes Catholic and non-Catholic students alike to "meet and engage in interfaith dialogue for the purpose of understanding the commonalities that we share as Christians as well as to gain a respectful understanding of the religious viewpoint of others." The organization, according to its Samford website, is based on a Love of Christ. Members hold firm in their belief that God calls on each person in a different way and that "each person grow stronger in his or her faith through social, service, and/or prayer activities" through involvement with the Catholic Student Association.

RUF has ministered to Samford students since 2002 and describes itself as "giving a well-developed, heart-felt witness to the person and work of Jesus Christ." RUF strives to encourage its members to cultivate relationships among students that in turn "manifest themselves in a love for others, a heart for service, and a deep intimacy with the Living God."

Samford Wesley Fellowship, according to its website exists to "enable students to encounter God and make a positive impact on Samford's campus and in society in the name of Jesus Christ." As a community, Wesley members believe that every student matters and everyone has something to give and receive.



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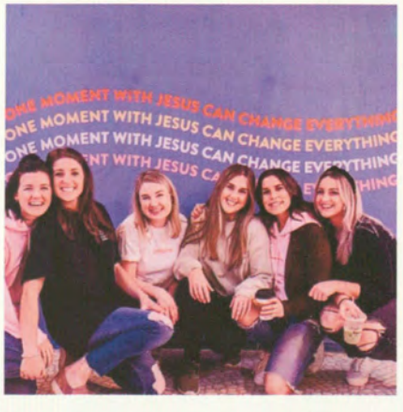
A number of faith-based student organizations are available to Samford students seeking more spiritual connection while on campus. Delight Ministries is one such organization and is geared toward college women. According to its website, Delight is open to women at Samford seeking a "Christ-centered community that fosters vulnerability and transforms stories. As a community Delight intends to learn, serve, and do life together."

According to Delight's national organization website, Delight first started at Belmont University in 2012. Today, the organization brings women together across 167 campuses and enjoys a membership of more than 12,000. Delight's national core values are: Invitational, Vulnerable Community, Effective Innovation, Equipping and Discipling, and Spirit Led.

Anyone seeking additional information or wanting to join delight should email: delight.samford@gmail.com.



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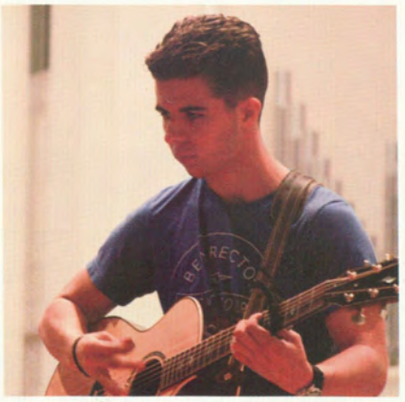
REIGN

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos contributed by: Jessica Berg

Reign is a campus worship organization that meets weekly in both Reid Chapel and at the homes of members. According to its online description, Reign "seeks to create an atmosphere of freedom and worship as we celebrate who God is, what He has done, and what He continues to do every day!" Worship, according to Reign, can involve singing, dancing, reading, journaling and praying. Reign worship often involves music performed by its own members. Attendees are invited to join in with song and dance. Samford students are invited to attend worship services Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Reid Chapel.

On Thursdays at 6:45 p.m., students are invited to join Reign Living Room, the group's equivalent to Bible study. During Reign Living Room, students "connect and gather around the Bible as a family."

Interested students can reach out to Reign on Instagram @reign_ministries or email them talaniz@samford.edu.



CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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The Catholic Student Association welcomes both Catholic and non-Catholic students seeking to connect over the Love of Christ. According to CSA, students "meet and engage in interfaith dialogue for the purpose of understanding the commonalities" they share as Christians.

Additionally, students aim to "gain a respectful understanding of the religious viewpoint of others." CSA encourages personal growth of students and their faith through social, service and prayer activities.

CSA was founded in 2009 and describes itself as "a group of faithful, fun-loving friends." The student run organization is overseen by Samford Associate Professor of Sociology Chuck Stokes. The group hosts a weekly Mass on campus, as well as a weekly Bible study at the home of Professor Stokes. CSA members also enjoy spending time together at various social outings, prayer gatherings, retreats, and service projects throughout the academic year.

GLOBAL MISSIONS SCHOLARS

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Felicia Belter

Global Missions Scholars enjoy the ability to study in any one of Samford's various majors while at the same time working toward their calling to serve in global missions. The program is open to incoming freshmen who are interested in "nurturing their desire to use their skills in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ," according to the program's website.

Scholars receive a one-time travel stipend of $3,000 that they use toward cross-cultural missions as well as a conference stipend they can use to attend a global missions conference or other educational opportunity.

Scholars take part in mentoring opportunities, peer discussions and ultimately, cross-cultural immersion as they prepare for future missions.

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OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
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Richard Simmons

The Office of Spiritual Life is dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the Samford University community through a multitude of programs and offerings. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, for example, students, faculty and staff gather for campus worship. Each service, known as Convocation, is led by the student worship band and features speakers both from the campus community and around the work. As undergraduate students at Samford, Convocation attendance is mandatory and students must attend a minimum number of hours in order to graduate.

According to the Office of Spiritual Life Convocation website, "Convocation reinforces Samford's identity as a Christ-centered university and is designed to challenge students to think carefully about matters of faith and learning so that they may act responsibly in the world."

Students also have the opportunity to take part in various Cadres during their time at Samford. Cadres are small groups that are led by faculty, staff, or other students that meet together to discuss a book, biblical text, specified topic, or to participate in a service project. Convo credits are available as part of Cadre participation, and students register to take part in them at the beginning of each semester.

Small Groups present yet another opportunity for students to find paths to spiritual growth among a biblical community. Small groups are made up of students who either join up with other students they yet know very well or with a group of friends. Together, small groups study God's word and take those lessons with them out into the community.

A number of faith-based student organizations are also available to those seeking more connection.

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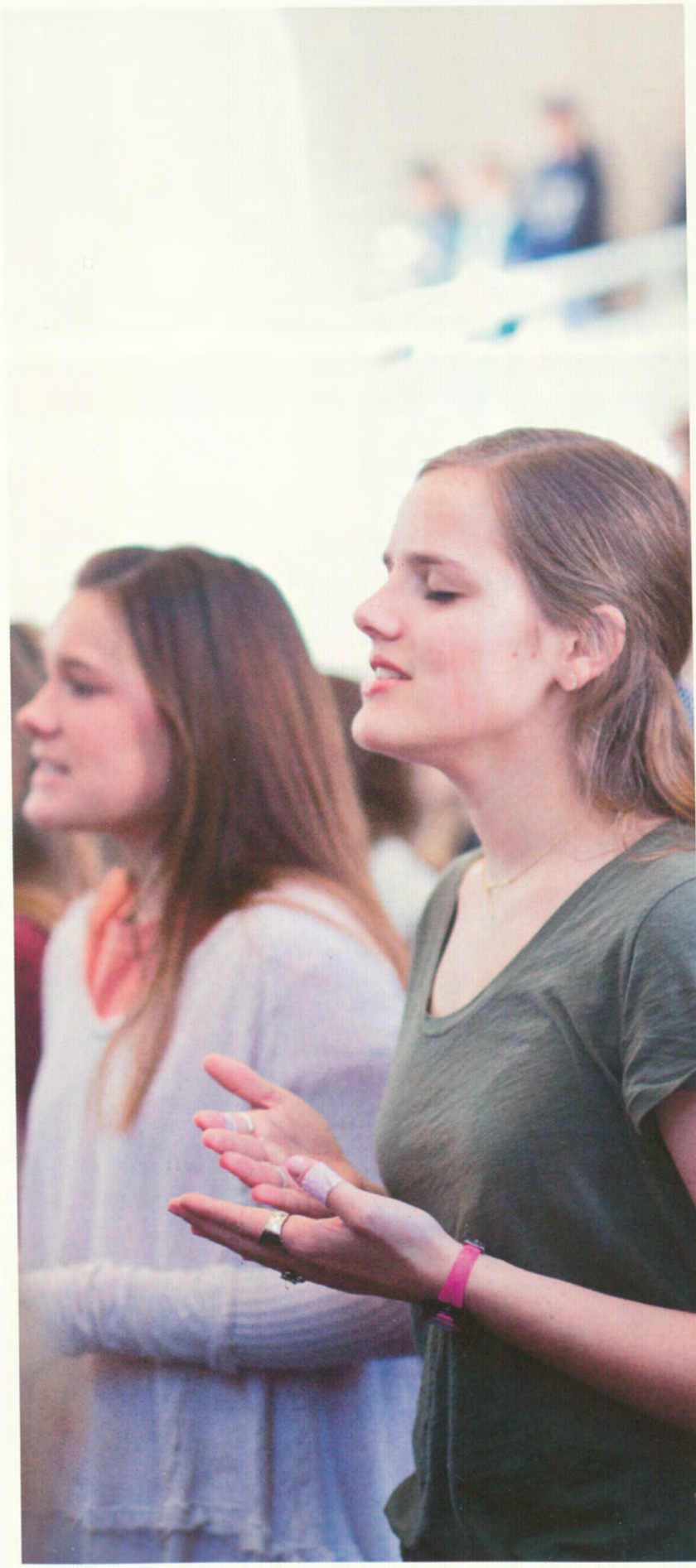
RANSOM is a student-led college ministry guided by John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." The ministry is open to student athletes and non-athletes alike and meets in the Mountain View lobby on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m.

Reign, according to its online description, "seeks to create an atmosphere of freedom and worship as we celebrate who God is, what He has done, and what He continues to do every day!"



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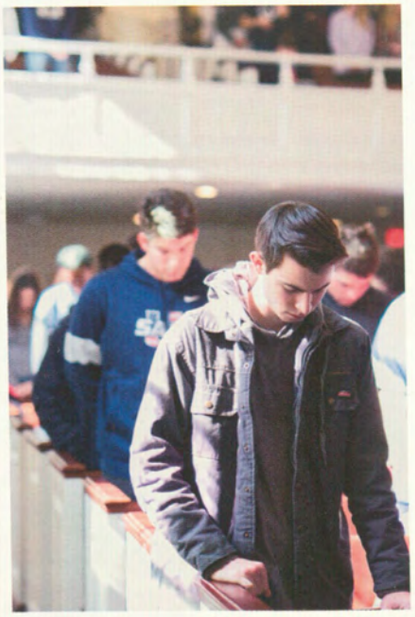

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BULLDOG DAYS

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
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In June, Samford welcomed incoming freshmen and their parents for campus orientation. Bulldog Days, as the student orientation is now called, takes place over two consecutive days. Incoming students spend the night in one of the residence halls on campus, giving them an early glimpse of college life.

The Office of Orientation coordinates Bulldog Days, which are in turn hosted by student Orientation Leaders. According to its website, the Office of Orientation "takes a student-centered approach to the transition experience while introducing incoming families to all aspects of Samford University." Together with its student Orientation Leaders, it hopes to foster relationships between families and the university that "encourage students to pursue opportunities for personal, academic, and spiritual growth."

CONNECTIONS

Written by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Mia Banuelos

More than 100 upperclassmen student leaders hosted incoming freshmen to campus during Connections, Samford's welcome weekend. Connections is an opportunity for students to learn about campus and its surrounding community before beginning their official first semester as college freshmen.

Upperclassmen student leaders help are there to help newcomers navigate the ins and outs of college life.

Various events throughout the weekend encourage students to feel at home and plugged in. Students enjoyed popsicles at President Andrew Westmoreland's house, met other students at a neon dance party and explored Birmingham.

Students are automatically registered for Connections when they enroll at Samford. Connections leaders look forward to welcoming new students each year for a fun-filled and informative weekend.

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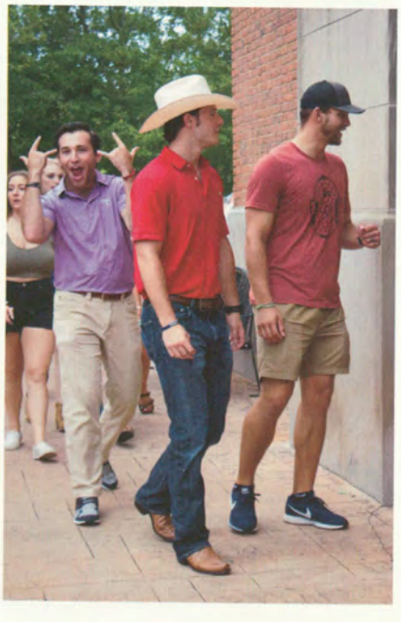
YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR CITY

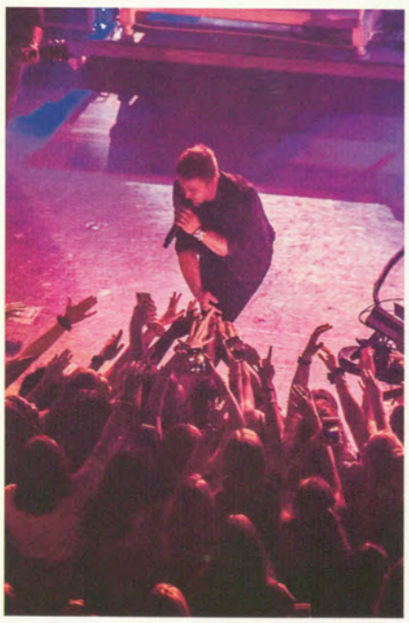
Article and photos by: Katie Roth

The annual Your School, Your City concert was held on Aug. 25. The usual Dinner on the Dirt event was relocated to the caf and the concert was moved inside to the Wright Center due to the high chance of rain. As new students wrapped up Connections weekend and returning students reunited with hugs and smiles, the weather did not dampen the students' enthusiasm for the first event welcoming them back to campus to begin the semester.

The previous semester's Battle of the Bands winner, The Ratio, opened for the well-known country artist Hunter Hayes. The crowd sang along to Hayes' classic hits and even continued cheering him on and illuminating the singer with their phone flashlights when the thunderstorm knocked out the power. Overwhelmed with emotions, both Hayes and senior students soaked in the special moments of the night.

"The Your School, Your City concert is always one of my highlights each year. Having Hunter Hayes come to help ring in the new school year was a blast," said senior Journalism and Mass Communication major Sydney Sims. "It was bittersweet to walk into my last one, but we made it the best one yet. I'll never take for granted seeing so many familiar faces among the new ones, reminding me of how sweet it was to come here as a freshman and how much sweeter it is that I've been able to call Samford home."





WELCOME BACK WEEK

Article and photos by: Katie Roth

At the beginning of each fall semester, students are welcomed back to campus with an entire week of fun events planned by the Student Activities Council. While a few outdoor events unfortunately got rained out or moved inside this year, there were still plenty of activities to partake in while reuniting with friends and eating free food provided by the SAC.

On Monday, students took "First Day of School" pictures in a photo booth and got to chat with Dr. Westmoreland while he made grilled cheese sanwiches.

After attending opening convocation on Tuesday morning, students were surprised by free Chick-fil-A biscuits in Ben Brown and later attended Trivia Night in Harry's Coffeehouse. Cookies from the Homewood favorite, Cookie Fix, were provided for all participants, and the winning trivia team received tickets to Step Sing 2020.

The annual Church Connections event was held on Wednesday morning, accompanied by sweet treats from Heavenly Donuts. This event introduced students to local churches and various opportunities to find fellowship while in Birmingham. That evening, Greek Life Organizations held a "Meet the Greeks" tailgate on the quad to introduce students to different sororities and fraternities on campus.

Thursday began with the Student Organization fair, which presented different ways to get involved and find on-campus community. However, the main event of the day, was many people's favorite event of the week. Goat yoga! Students tried out beginning yoga poses while surrounded by adorable baby goats. Onlookers ate Frutta Bowls while waiting for their turn to practice yoga with the goats.

Celebrating the successful first week of classes, students enjoyed popsicles in Ben Brown and started their first weekend on campus by supporting Samford athletics, either by watching the football game against Tennessee Tech or the home women's soccer games against Western Kentucky and LSU.

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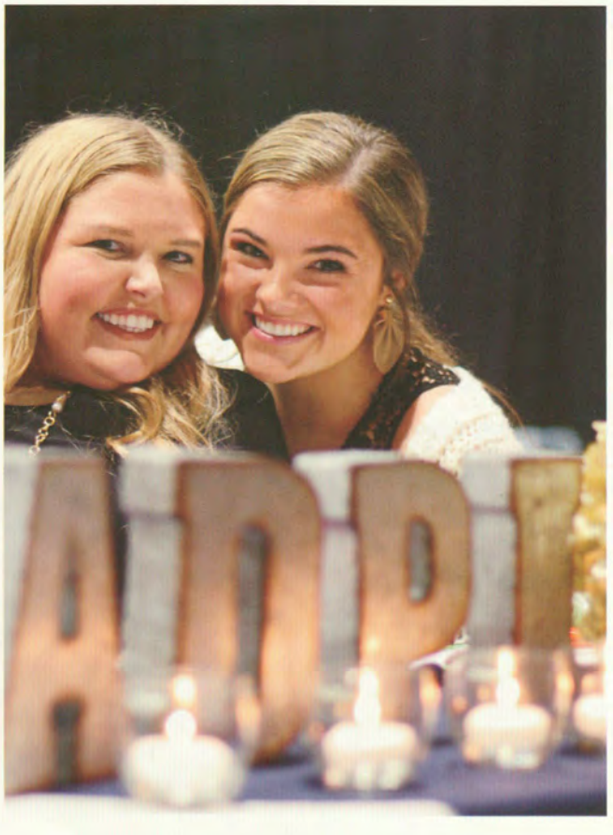


Family Weekend

Article by: Susannah Smith
Photos by: Emily Parcell

Samford U Samford U Samford U woo! Fall had arrived, and football season had begun, giving parents the perfect excuse to visit their children for the annual Family Weekend. During the first weekend of Oct., hundreds of parents arrived on campus to visit and experience a typical fall weekend though the eyes of their children.

The main weekend event was a tailgate on the quad prior to the home football game. Families enjoyed barbeque and meeting their children's new friends, their parents and even some professors while visiting under the row of tents lining the quad.

Cassidy Robinson, a junior journalism and mass communication major and member of Alpha Omicron Pi, was able to experience this year's Family Weekend with her younger sister Marissa, a freshman nursing major and member of Delta Delta Delta. They were able to show their family around their sorority's respective tents and spend the day together on a campus that quickly became a home away from home to both of them.

While many parents of older students attended Family Weekend for the second, third or fourth time, parents of freshmen were finally able to ease their worries as they saw their children adjusting to life as college students.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Carter Davis and Katie Roth

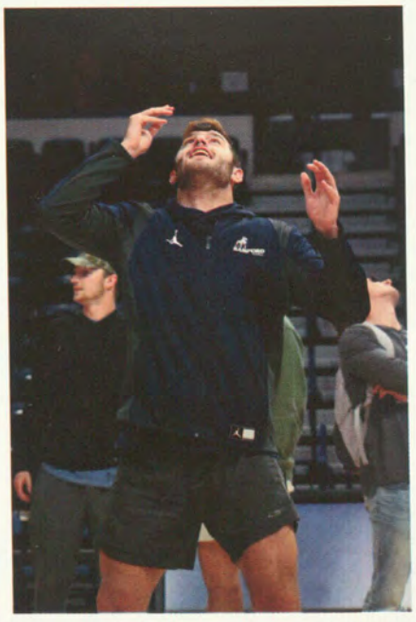
Homecoming week began on Nov. 4, resulting in various campus events for the week and bringing visitors back to campus for the weekend to attend the tailgate and football game.

Festivities started on Monday with the tradition of student organizations, sororities, fraternities and athletic teams decorating homecoming boards in Ben Brown. On Tuesday evening, students had the opportunity to attend the women's basketball game or the Worship Arts Ensemble concert. The City Bowls and Eugene's Hot Chicken food trucks were on campus on Wednesday, as well as a petting zoo. That night, the Black Student Union hosted the "Wild N Out" event in Harry's Coffeehouse.

Thursday was one of the highlights of the week. It began with Spirit Day in Harry's Coffeehouse, where students who wore Samford colors received a free Heavenly Donut. The first 100 students also received a Samford Bulldog button. That afternoon, there was an event entitled "Face to Face with Race," which was facilitated by the Student Government Association and the Multicultural Affairs Committee to serve as interactive diversity training. Later that evening, students showed their support for the men's basketball team as they awaited the highly anticipated Bulldog Bash event.

Bulldog Bash was planned by the Student Activities Council and included food trucks, giveaways and games in addition to band, cheer and dance performances. Students enjoyed their free dinner from Cantina on Wheels and Bendy's Cookies & Cream as the emcees John Booth, a senior communications studies major, and Armond Lloyd, a senior journalism and mass communication major, hosted the games and announced the homecoming board winners and homecoming court representatives. Senior biology major Heath Padgett and senior nursing major Sara Kathryne Brumbelow were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

On Saturday, friends, family and alumni were back on campus to socialize, tailgate and watch the Bulldogs take on the Chattanooga Mocs in the last home football game of the season. During halftime, the dance team and marching band performed, and the homecoming court representatives were once again recognized.



Fall Fest

Article by: Katie Roth
Photos by: Carter Davis

The Student Activities Council hosted the annual Fall Festival on Oct. 17 to ring in the autumn season and celebrate the increasingly cooler Birmingham weather.

The event was held in Ben Brown, which was fully decorated with string lights, leaves, spider webs and, of course, pumpkins. The SAC provided warm drink options of apple cider, hot cocoa and coffee for students to sip on as they enjoyed listening to their peers sing in the open mic night, made mini s'mores, carved and painted pumpkins and played various pumpkin-themed games like pumpkin putt-putt and even pumpkin bowling.

Harry's Concerts

Article by: Jessica Berg
Photos by: Katie Roth

Concerts at Harry's Coffeehouse, hosted by the Student Activities Council, provided opportunities for students to hang out with friends and listen to various artists. Student openers added a sense of community as students came to support their friends, and the visiting musical guests entertained the audience with their talents as well as their personalities.

The first concert on Sept. 20 featured freshman student opener AmandaGrace Schiano and the girl-power pop band Sawyer, setting the bar high for concerts to follow.

"We find artists by reaching out to students to see what artists they would want to see perform and then reach out to the artist's management team and start negotiations with them," Stephen DeFrancesco, senior journalism and mass communication major and the SAC's Director of Musical Entertainment, said. "We worked hard to diversify the sound and get a variety of artists."

The Oct. 25 concert featured Walker Burroughs, a 20-year-old singer-songwriter from Birmingham who made his musical debut on season 17 of American Idol. Sophomore commercial music major Taylor Wilson also began preforming at a young age and was "honored to be asked to be an opener." She opened for Burroughs with two original songs and invited the crowd to sing along to well-known covers.

"I was first introduced to Walker through American Idol. After seeing him audition, I rooted for him for the rest of the season," Jansyn Gordon, freshman pre-business major, said. "Not only is he extremely talented, but his personality is infectious. I was so happy to find out he was the same both on and off stage when I spoke to him after his performance."

The concert on Nov. 14 featured Jackson Wildes, a freshman music major, as the student opener for the band Carver Commodore. The final concert of the series was on Feb. 21 where junior worship leadership major EJ Castro opened for Jake Scott.

Miss Samford

Photos courtesy of: Evie Summers
Article by: Katy Beth Boyers

Nov. 1 was a big night for sophomore Madison Ward when she was crowned as Miss Samford 2020. Crowds erupted in applause and cheers as she felt the support from her friends and family.

"I was just completely astonished," Ward said. "Throughout the entire night, I felt a lot of support."

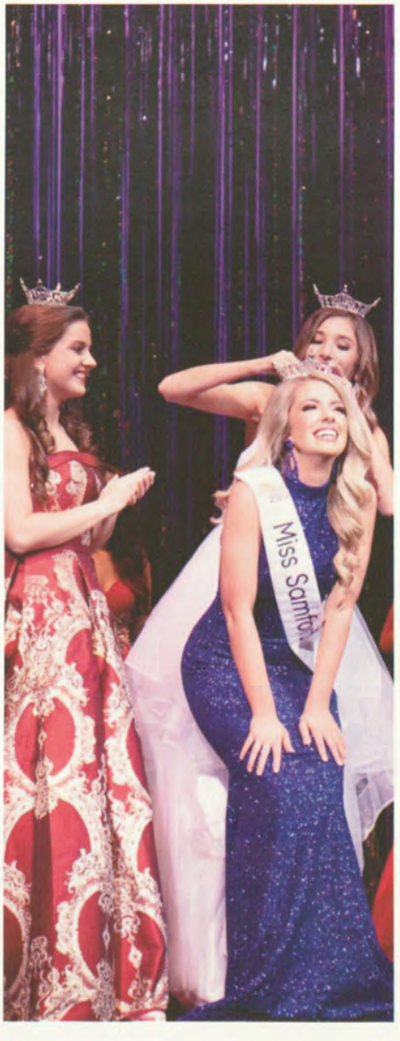
Ward got a lot of help during preparation for the pageant from Miss Samford 2019 winner Anna Bain. Ward said she and Bain attended Miss Alabama last year.

Ward is a communication studies major with minors in marketing and Spanish. She has been involved with the Miss American organization since age 9 with the Rising Star Mentorship. She also competed for two years in the Miss Alabama Teen program.

This isn't Ward's first pageant title. Last year, Ward was Miss Trussville 2019, representing her hometown.

Ward said she is honored to represent Samford University and looks forward to participating in Miss Alabama as well as working with and serving her community.

"It's not the title that defines you," she said, "It's the platform of mentoring people."



Residence Life

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Mallory Kruntorad

Over the course of their time at Samford, whether they reside in Vail or Beeson Woods, students living in the residence halls on campus are looked after by Residence Assistants. Each building and hall is assigned Residence Assistants who are tasked with keeping the dorms safe, running smoothly and feeling like home away from home.

Along with their everyday duties, Residence Assistants plan monthly hall activities to help foster a sense of community for students living together. Collectively, Residence Life staff also host various campus-wide events to help support the entire Samford community.

During Welcome Back Week in the fall, Residence Life greeted students in Ben Brown Plaza with free Chick-Fil-A biscuits and later hosted a trivia night at Harry's Coffehouse. In September, Residence Life invited students to a free night of bowling at Vestavia Bowl to kick off the fall season.

In October, they hosted their annual Halloween skate party at Skates 280. Residence Life staff also set up a tent at home football games, ready to cheer on the Bulldogs.

HANGING OF THE GREEN

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Carter Davis and Heath Padgett

The Samford beloved Hanging of the Green service took place Dec. 5, 2019 in Reid Chapel. Twelve seniors specially selected as honorees led the service.

Each year, faculty and staff nominate Samford students as potential honorees. From there, a selection committee makes the final decision on who is selected. According to Samford, students are selected based on leadership, scholarship, spiritual commitment and community service.

The 2019 Hanging of the Green honorees were: Samuel Edwin Bartz, a history major from Germantown, Tennessee; Katherine Collins Campbell, an early childhood education major from Traverse City, Michigan; Drayton D. Cullen, a history major from Pelham, Alabama; Stephen William DeFrancesco, a journalism and mass communication major from Marietta, Georgia; Jillian Anne Fantin, a political science major from Garland, Texas; Jane Ann Foncea, a religion major from Knoxville, Tennessee; Ashley Kim Layman, a science and religion major from Enterprise, Alabama; Caroline C. Miller, a communication sciences and disorders major from Jackson, Tennessee; Heath William Padgett, a biology major from Birmingham, Alabama; Joyeuse Senga, a health sciences major from Kigali, Rwanda; Anna Ruth Waters, a communication sciences and disorders major from Lexington, Kentucky; and Joy Grace Webb, a journalism and mass communication major from Albertville, Alabama.

Hanging of the Green, according to the Office of Spiritual Life, is based on an old English custom. During the service, garland is hung around Reid Chapel, the Advent wreath is lit and participants decorate a Christmas tree. The University Chorale and Bells of Buchanan provide the evening's music. The tradition began in 1980, first initiated by Former director of campus ministries Ginny Bridges Ireland. In the years since, it has become a favorite holiday tradition among the Samford community.

At the completion of Hanging of the Green, students, faculty and staff gathered on Centennial Walk with Samford First Lady Jeanna Westmoreland and Samford President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland for Lighting of the Way and the traditional reading of The Christmas Story.

LIGHTING OF THE WAY

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos by: Morgan Evans, Anna Grace Peters and Heath Padgett

At the completion of Hanging of the Green, students, faculty and staff gathered on Centennial Walk on Dec. 5, 2019 for the much-anticipated Lighting of the Way.

Students counted down together in anticipation of the Christmas tree lighting. As is tradition, Samford First Lady Jeanna Westmoreland led the traditional reading of The Christmas Story. The tradition signifies the start of the holiday season at Samford.

Samford President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland was also present, bringing in extra holiday cheer. Students took part in various activities, including snacks and letter-writing stations. A holiday concert filled the air as students made memories under the twinkling Christmas lights.

The Hanging of the Green service, which kicked off the evening, is based on an old English custom. During the service, garland is hung around Reid Chapel, the Advent wreath is lit and participants decorate a Christmas tree.

Together, both events are beloved Samford traditions that students, faculty and staff all look forward to year after year.

INTRAMURALS

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Campus Recreation

Students of all athletic levels are invited each year to take part in Campus Recreation intramural sports. Different sports — including tennis, flag football, volleyball, kickball, ultimate frisbee, cornhole, 3 v 3 basketball — cater to wide interests of students as well as faculty and staff. Teams are all at various skill levels, from ultra-competitive to friends who just want to be active and have fun.

Leagues, as well as tournaments, are available for all men, all women and co-rec teams.

At the end of each season, championship teams receive the highly coveted intramural championship T-shirts and become eligible to take part in extramural events across the country.

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Grease

Presented by Freshman Ladies

Directed by Sarah Beth Galbreath, Claire Kennedy and Kaitlyn Wolterman, the pit crew of Freshman Ladies competed in their first race and overcame a crash to win first place.

Missed Connection

Presented by Delta Delta Delta

Directed by Molly Finnegan, Melissa Gagnon and Riley Jones, the sisters of Delta Delta Delta imagined what would happen if technology decided to rebel against humans' commands.

Struck

Presented by Alpha Tau Omega

Directed by Cambron Bice, Brice Boyer and Daylan Jhin, the brothers of ATO and Allie Woodside presented a show about the process of two people falling in love.

Take A Hike

Presented by Zeta Tau Alpha

Directed by Mollie Biddle and Timmi-Ann Kaurudar, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha took a hike and discovered a rare yeti colony. The hikers snuck a photo of their discovery, but the yetis worked hard to keep their existence a secret.

Scrapped

Presented by Spectrum

Directed by Alex Dunn, Abby Plott and Holly Vlach, the men and women of Spectrum presented a visual journey through a grandfather's adventure scrapbook.

Swiped

Presented by Alpha Delta Pi

Directed by Abigail Lawson, Hannah Reese Moseley and Abigail Okland, the gnomes of Alpha Delta Pi won the women's division award by overcoming neighborhood obstacles to rescue their fellow gnome.

Chopped

Presented by Pi Kappa Phi

Directed by Connor Hafenrichter, Will Jones and McKinnon Sowell, the lumberjacks of Phi Kappa Pi won the men's division award by saving their forest from an invading construction company.

iNSYNC

Presented by IGnite

Directed by Alexis Amann, Lucy Martin and Grace Phipps, the synchronized swimmers of IGnite travelled to West Virginia with Coach Eileen for their first competition of the season.

Wildest Dreams

Presented by Freshman Girls

Directed by Erin Cryier, Anna Caroline Kirkland and Reagan Welch, the penguins of Freshman Ladies decided to make their dream of summertime a reality as they left their arctic home behind to find a beach.

Zero to Hero

Presented by Independent Ladies

Directed by Abby Olive, Sammy Solberg and Jewel Trail, the video game characters of Independent Ladies completed a series of challenging levels to defeat the villains and win the game.

Rock With You

Presented by Sigma Chi

Directed by Hampton Dortch, Grayson Hill and Jackson McKinney, the cavemen of Pi Kappa Phi won the Sweepstakes Award by inventing the wheel, discovering fire and learning how to navigate this strange world.

Current Events

Presented by Alpha Omicron Pi

Directed by Hope Dawson, Rylee Jones and Breana Murray, the fish of Alpha Omicron Pi swam through dangerous waters to avoid sharks and survive another day in the ocean.

Busted

Presented by Phi Mu

Directed by Ellie Evans, Milly Lopez and Jen Stone, the misunderstood ghosts of Phi Mu threw a party only to have it interrupted by the infamous ghostbusters. Luckily, the ghosts were able to scare them off.

Rise and Shine

Presented by Unclassified

Directed by Jolie Carr, Hannah Pellicer and Meredith Stone, the women of Unclassified showed the audience a day in the life of bread. From PB&J to avocado toast, the slices proved their usefulness to their college student.

An Adaptation of an Ancient Home-Going Narrative

Presented by Dudes-A-Plenty

Directed by Will Carlisle, James Cole and Sam Rappe, the Greek soldiers of Dudes-A-Plenty gave a classic story a new twist as they conquered obstacles on their way back home from the Trojan War.

The Line Up

Presented by Chi Omega

Directed by Grace Calloway, Caroline Miller and Martha Grace Scripps, the traffic cones of Chi Omega persevered through the day's stressful events in order to protect the people of their community.

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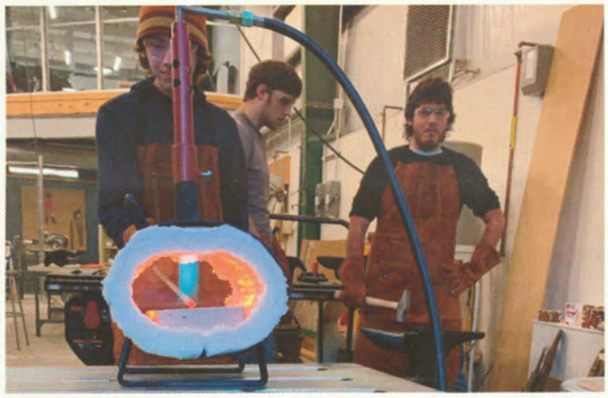

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AFROTC

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
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The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at Samford University is open to students interested in pursuing a commission in the United States Air Force. The program is open to men and women regardless of their academic major. According to the AFROTC Samford website, the purpose of the AFROTC program is to "provide quality development of the individual so that they may serve as effective leaders and officers upon entering the Air Force."

Students can participate in the AFROTC program during their freshmen and sophomore years with no military commitment. Graduates have gone on to have careers in aviation, law, space operations, medicine, intelligence, computer systems and engineering, among others.

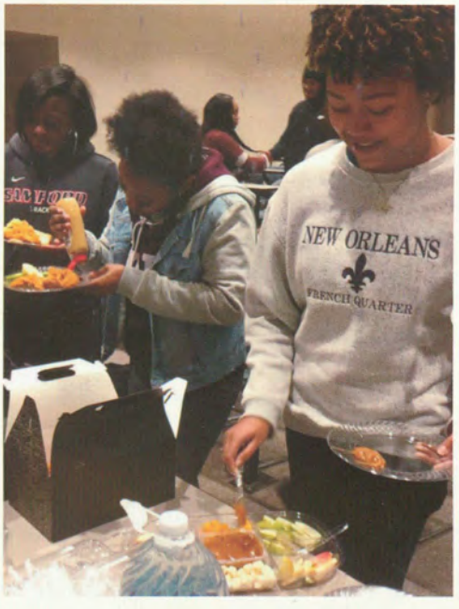
Body Positive

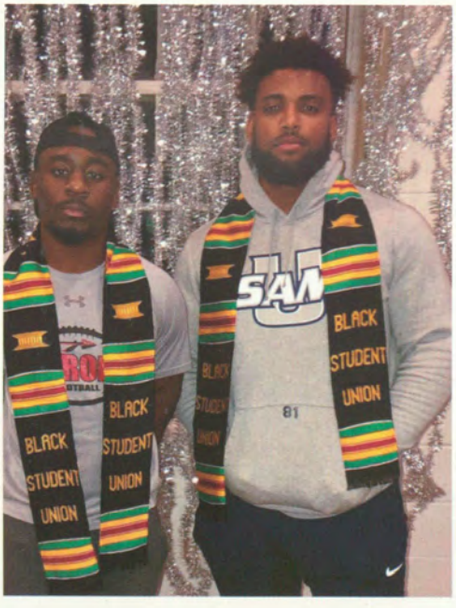
Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos contributed by: Avery Lorio

Body Positive is a student led organization at Samford University dedicated to encouraging positive body image and lifestyle choices.

Each year, Body Positive partners with multiple organizations across campus such as DREAM and SDA, Student Dietetics Association, to help members access a variety of resources.

In February, Body positive hosted Smash the Scale along with Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness. Attendees were encouraged to take a sledgehammer to a scale, representing the societal pressures surrounding weight.





Black Student Union

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The Black Student Union aims to promote diversity across campus and continually engage the student body. Throughout the academic year, BSU hosted a variety of events with these goals in mind. During Black History Month, BSU hosted a potluck dinner, a black-owned business expo and the Thurgood Marshall Symposium along with the Cumberland School of Law.

"Our goal this month was to bring fun and educational programming to students and faculty," Black Student Union President Theo Edwards-Butler said in an interview with The Samford Crimson. "Highlighting local black excellence and shedding light onto our past, present and future."

Debate Team

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Samford University if known for its powerhouse debate team, ranked in the top 50 nationally in the National Debate Tournament. Debate team members have the opportunity to take part in Summer Forensics Institute, the Samford University Public Debate Series, the Birmingham Area Debate League, and the Bishop Guild Debate Tournament.

The team is led by Assistant Professor Ryan Galloway, one of most well respected coaches and judges in the country. The debate team has represented Samford at a number of universities across the country as well as at the District VI/SEC CEDA Regional Championships, the ADA National Debate Tournament, the CEDA National Debate Tournament, and the National Debate Tournament.

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DREAM

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Disability Rights, Education, Activism and Mentoring, or DREAM, is a national organization dedicated to advocating for students with disabilities. Samford's chapter serves as a student or-ganization with the goal of promoting a more effective environment for students with physical and learning disabilities. The organization also hopes to increase accessibility in university buildings and along pathways.

"If nothing else, I hope that DREAM creates a really amazing community on campus," said Morgan Champion, a sophomore religion major.

Not only does DREAM hope to better the campus, but also strives to educate students on disa-bilities. The members of DREAM believe a better community can form between students when perspectives are changed.

"If we can educate our peers on various disabilities and encourage them to view others through an empathetic lens, we believe we can create an all-inclusive community on this campus," said DREAM President and junior political science major Bailey Deavers.

Deavers has two siblings with physical disabilities and two siblings with learning disabilities, so he has personally witnessed the barriers that society places on individuals with disabilities.

"Society often dismisses and underestimates those with disabilities, and yet, every day, those with disabilities continue to overcome," Deavers said.

On Nov. 16, DREAM hosted its first fundraiser. The fundraiser was a silent auction of items do-nated by local Birmingham businesses which raised $1,300. The fundraiser included two guest speakers, Judge Martha Cook and Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program Attorney Jenny Ryan.

Other events DREAM held to promote community, raise awareness and share stories about dis-abilities included a campus-wide worship night and movie screening followed by a panel to dis-cuss the importance of empathy.

DREAM now has over 100 members on campus. In addition to being recognized by the national organization for its success and accomplishments, Samford's chapter received the 2019 Student Organization of Honor award and the 2020 Best New Student Organization award.

International Ambassadors

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International Ambassadors at Samford work with the University's Global Engagement Office as advocates for cross-cultural exchange. They are tasked with promoting international education, and developing intercultural programming.

As International Ambassadors, the students also help the Global Engagement Office "promote and recruit for events and programs, provide peer advising to both domestic and international students, and serve as role models for Global Engagement on campus" according to the office's website.

Students from all majors are invited to take part and are selected to participate via an application process.

I-Club

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The International Club at Samford University is a student-led organization whose goal is to "promote an inclusive environment where common bonds of unity are strengthened between international students and American students through fellowship," according to the group's website. The group is open to the entire Samford community and aims to nurture friendships between students of various cultures, backgrounds and ethnicities.

Through a series of events throughout the academic year, the International Club hopes to "enrich and enhance international students' experience in the U.S. by assisting their integration into campus life and the community." Yearly events include Asian Cuisine Night, Flavors of Africa, and an International Fashion Show.

Samford Recruitment Team

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The Samford Recruitment Team works alongside the university's Office of Admission assisting in recruitment programs by engaging with prospective students. Along with taking part in all on-campus events put on by the Office of Admission, Recruitment Team members also reach out to prospective students by phoning, writing letters, leading tours and traveling with the purpose of recruiting students.

The organization is highly selective, welcoming team members with strong communication skills, proven campus involvement and top interview skills. Samford Recruitment Teams members oftern serve as hosts to future Bulldogs and their families.

Student Government

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The Student Government Association is responsible for being Samford students' voice on campus. SGA "represents and promotes student interest in the decision-making process," according to its website. In addition, it is tasked with planning and hosting various events and services for students' enjoyment and benefit.

Organized into four branches, including the Executive, Legislative, Judicial and Activities, SGA works in several areas across campus representing students' interests. A student Executive Board member oversees each branch, ensuring a cohesive approach. Heath Padgett, a biology pre-dental major, served as the 2019-2020 SGA president.

"The best part about being SGA President has been the opportunity to hear the concerns and interests of my peers and then to work alongside other motivated leaders in SGA and Samford's administration to problem solve and really care for the needs of the student body," Padgett said in an interview with The Samford Crimson.

Student Activities Council

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The Student Activities Council is one branch of Student Government Association. Each semester, SAC plans and hosts several events for the campus community. Included among these events are free concerts at Harry's Coffeehouse, Homecoming, Lighting of the Way, Summer Send-Off and Welcome Back Week.

Harry's Coffehouse concerts are some of SAC's most popular events. The free concerts are held on the third Thursday of each month. Students enjoy free music from up and coming artists, as well as coffee and dessert.

During the 2019-2020 school year, SAC also hosted Goat Yoga on the Quad, handed out popsicles in Ben Brown and Fall Festival. SAC was forced to postpone springtime events in march due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but vowed to continue engaging students in a socially-distant manner, including several Instagram challenges and a virtual Battle of the Bands.

Samford Ambassadors

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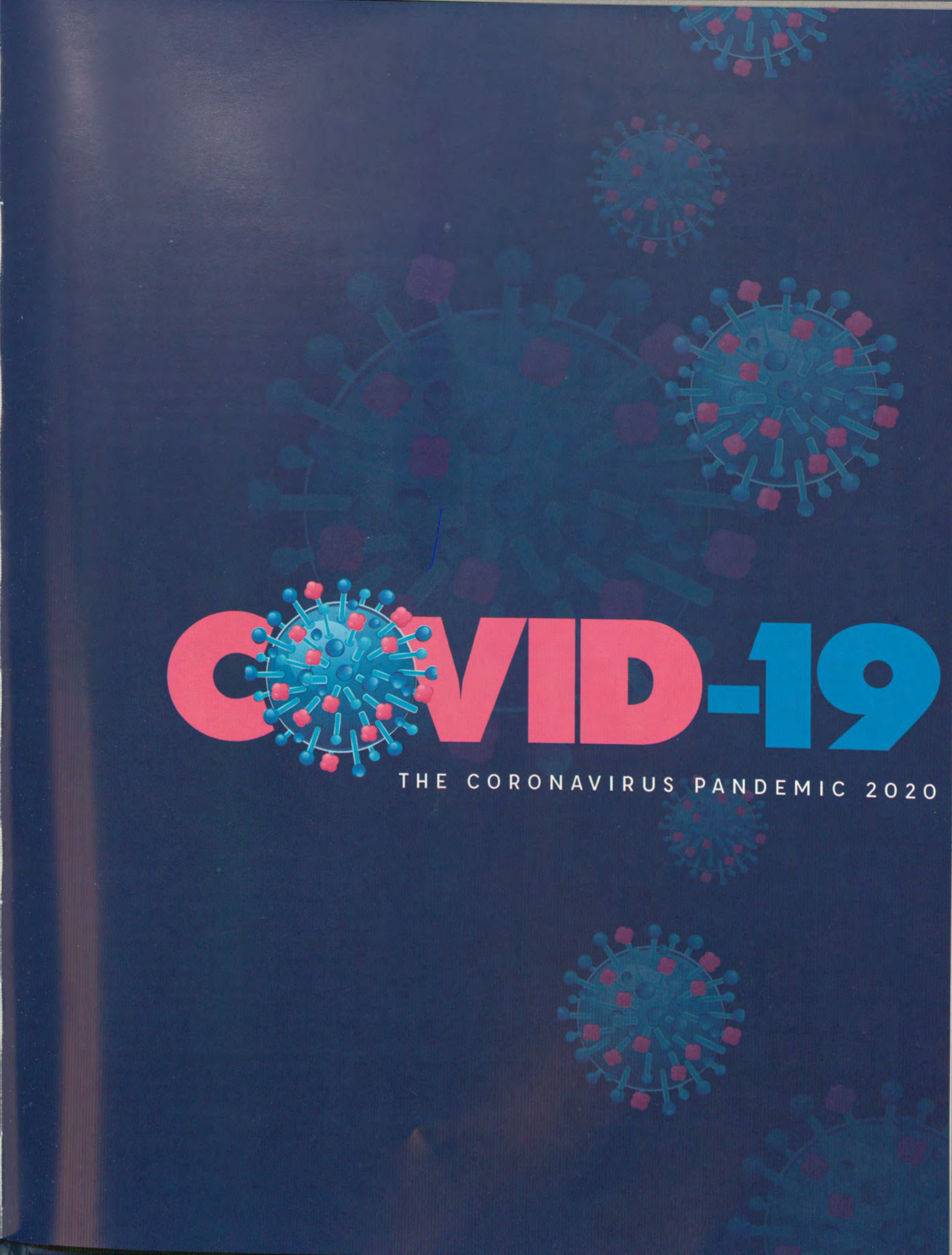
Samford Ambassadors serve as a liaison between the university and all its constituencies. Among these are: The Board of Trustees, the Board of Overseers, alumni, current and prospective donors, parents, faculty, staff, the community at-large and Samford University students.

During special events, both on and off campus, Ambassadors serve as official hosts on behalf of the university. Ambassadors also work with the university president and the vice president for university advancement to help further the goals of the institution.

Ambassadors are guided by John 13:15-17 which states, "For I have given you an example, that you should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."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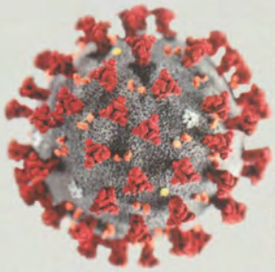

For many students, an extended spring break turns into an early summer "staycation."

Just as we are looking forward to going on spring break, the world realizes that it's facing a pandemic, the likes of which hasn't been seen since 1918. Many schools' first response is to extend their spring break from one week to three weeks. But as the contagion spreads, educators decide to close for the year and/or switch to an entirely online curriculum. As the outbreak of COVID-19 accelerates, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that closing schools for eight weeks or more will have a greater impact on containing the virus. Kansas is the first state to order all K-12 schools closed for the rest of the year, followed by Virginia. California Gov. Gavin Newsom closes schools "indefinitely," and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis cancels all remaining testing for the school year, saying grades won't be calculated.

Canceling school also means canceling school functions, and now millions of students are faced with the possibility of not having spring sports, prom, graduation and other milestones of the academic experience. "The Class of 2020" becomes "The Class of COVID-19," losing what's left of their senior year and missing the traditional rites of passage that they have worked towards for the last 12 years.

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Spring Break Gets Broken

Students look forward to spring break all year long, and plans to gather with friends and exploit the warmer weather are made well in advance. But the coronavirus has other ideas. Vacation hot spots become closed to the public indefinitely. Airlines reduce their number of flights by 30-70%, leaving travelers with few options to get to their vacation destinations.

Many students are already on spring break when the threat of COVID-19 becomes severe enough to mandate social distancing, while others downplay concerns about the outbreak. Those that keep their vacation plans force officials in Florida and other coastal hot spots to officially close public beaches at the height of the spring break rush.

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The Show Must Hold On

The end of the school year is when everything culminates in one final show, but COVID-19 upends performances, tournaments and entire seasons. The theatre department was going to bring you an amazing production. The band and choir won't get to perform their end-of-year concerts. Leadership conferences are canceled. FFA conventions are postponed. The journalism staff has no idea how they are going to get your yearbooks out. Baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, track, golf and tennis seasons will not be played in their original form.

The end of the school year is when teams and organizations of all disciplines—athletic, academic and creative—showcase what they've been working on and compete at the state or national level for coveted titles. With social distancing measures put in place, everything suddenly becomes "on hold," another giant question mark in our academic calendars caused by the coronavirus.

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School Lunch Stays Open

Nearly 30 million children in the U.S. count on schools to provide one or more meals each day. When schools across the U.S. close their doors to try to prevent the spread of COVID-19, many make arrangements to provide grab-and-go lunch bags or set up meal delivery routes.

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The Dining Room is Closed Until Further Notice

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and encourage social distancing, restaurants offer curbside delivery instead of people gathering in their dining rooms. Many fast-food restaurants become "drive-thru only," and food delivery services like Shipt, Uber Eats and Doordash put food on the table for many Americans during a period of self-isolation. Many students with part-time jobs in the food industry see their hours severely cut or their positions eliminated entirely.

DOMESTIC IMPACT

COVID-19 causes everyone to take immediate, drastic measures to stop the spread of the virus, resulting in a temporary "new normal" for the foreseeable future.

It's humans vs. virus in a global game of freeze-tag. The only way to stop the pandemic from overtaking the planet is to immediately isolate everyone until treatments and vaccines become available. This means everyone—regardless of age or level of health—has to shelter in place to avoid spreading the virus and overwhelming hospitals. Staying isolated means you won't give the virus to anyone, and you won't get the virus from anyone.

For many students this means long stretches of quality time at home with books, video games, creative outlets and social media. But for our families, there are very dire concerns about how much longer our parents will be employed. How will they make the house payment? How much longer can we afford to go without their paycheck? The US government begins discussing options for stimulus packages to address this growing concern.

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Hand sanitizer and face masks are in short supply when experts estimate that 40-70% of the population could become infected with COVID-19.

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You Can't Spell "Pandemic" Without "Panic"

When the public is first made aware of the coronavirus, people begin to stockpile toilet paper for reasons that still aren't widely understood. And despite no major threat to the nation's supply chain, bread, bottled water, disposable gloves and hand sanitizer cannot stay on store shelves. Many retailers begin to limit the number of items a household can purchase.

Source: RICHARD B. LEVINE / Newscom

With 23 employees testing positive for the coronavirus, New York City's MTA has no choice but to cancel certain subway lines and more than 1,000 trips due to reduced staffing. This leads to packed platforms and overstuffed trains at a time when social distancing is our most important weapon against the spread of COVID-19.

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Any Empty Bed Could be a Hospital Bed

Communal living quarters are the worst places to be in a pandemic, but not if they can be used as makeshift hospitals. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers makes plans to convert more than 10,000 empty hotel and dorm rooms into hospital rooms in the hardest-hit areas of New York City, Washington and California.

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Hollywood Disaster Movies Didn't Prepare Us For This Hollywood Disaster

Starting with the recommendation that people not gather in groups larger than 500, then 250, then eventually, 10, the movie industry faces dire consequences. "A Quiet Place II," "Fast and Furious 9" and 007's "No Time to Die" are the first movies to postpone their release dates. Pixar pushes "Onward" to Amazon's Prime Video Cinema streaming service only days after it's theatrical release. But for drive-in movie theaters, once a novelty throwback to a simpler time, the show will go on.

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Celebrities Livestream During Quarantine

With concerts, festivals and movie productions shut down, celebrities stream performances from their homes to keep us entertained as we all stay #TogetherAtHome. Stephen Colbert and Trevor Noah deliver their late night TV monologues from their homes. And TikTok starts its first-ever livestream series #HappyAtHome: Live!

These Tickets Are No Longer Valid

Concerts, festivals, conventions, movie theaters and sporting events are all petri dishes of germs even without an active pandemic. But when social distancing is mandated, live entertainment may be the hardest hit.

Austin's tech, music and film conference South by Southwest cancels at the last minute. Music festivals Coachella and Stagecoach are pushed back six months to October. Pearl Jam, Avril Lavigne, Green Day, Blake Shelton and BTS cancel tour dates and reschedule shows. Stand up comedians take to livestreaming their sets. In New York, all Broadway shows are shut down as well as the Met Gala and Tribeca Film Festival. Las Vegas hotels, casinos and venues shut down, devastating Nevada's economy.

People stuck in self-isolation turn to streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, Disney+ and AppleTV+ to alleviate the boredom of staying put. Hulu adds a free, live news stream to its app to keep people up to date on the coronavirus. Netflix adds Netflix Party to connect with friends and sync streaming video, so you can virtually attend a movie with friends, without having to share your popcorn.

Source: Splash News / Newscom

Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson are the first American celebrities to reveal they have tested positive for the coronavirus from Australia's Gold Coast in Queensland, where Hanks is working. The pair are briefly hospitalized before retreating to quarantine, where they provide us with updates and encouragement via social media.

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Disney Parks Go Dark

Citing "an abundance of caution," The Walt Disney Company announces all of their theme parks, cruise lines, hotels and shopping malls will close through the end of March 2020, with possible closure extensions as the situation evolves. This is the first time in history that all six Disney properties are closed simultaneously.

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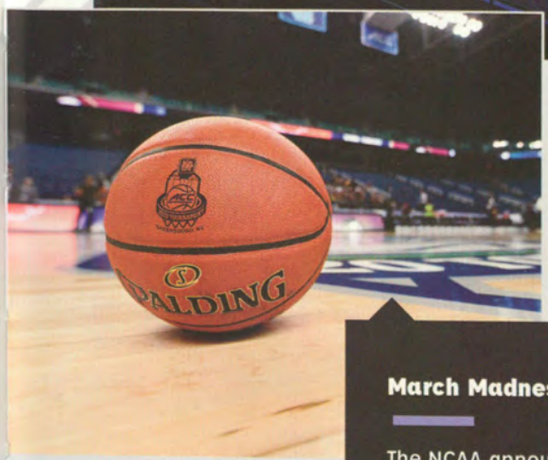

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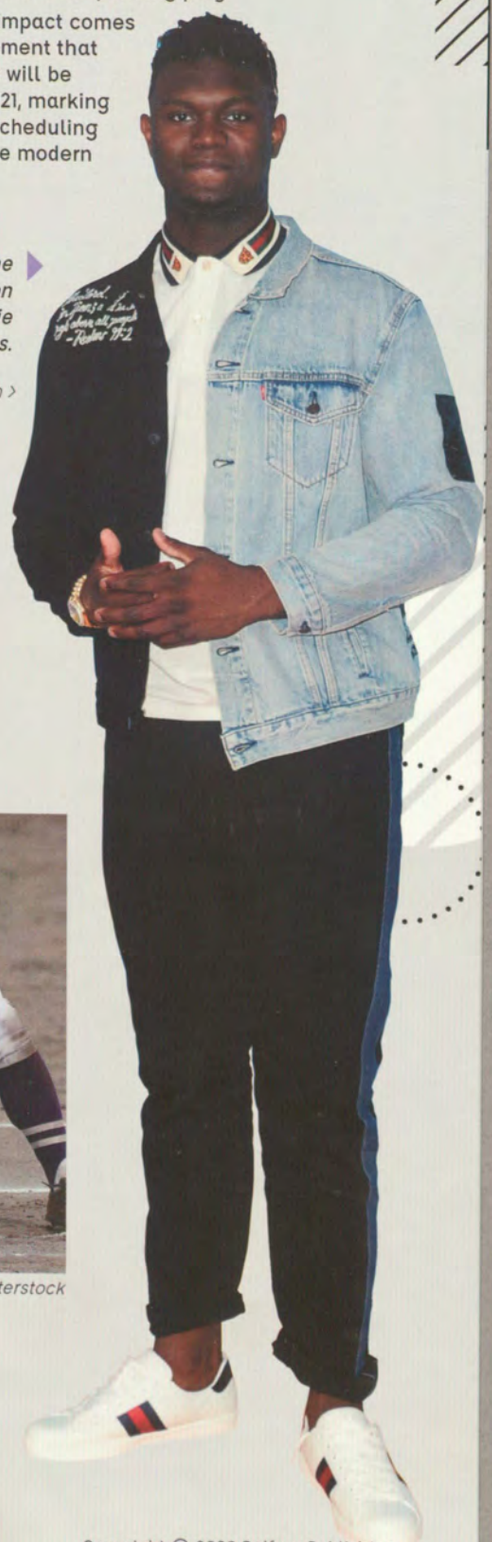
A Global Time-Out

The NBA abruptly suspends its season after Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz tests positive for COVID-19 ahead of Utah's tipoff against the Oklahoma City Thunder, sending home an arena full of very confused fans. The NHL freezes it's 2019-2020 season. Major League Soccer is put on hold, along with the start of Major League Baseball. The PGA cancels the Players Championship and postpones the Masters Tournament. And Formula 1, the Australian Grand Prix and NASCAR all postpone races until it's prudent to resume social gathering. The brand new XFL barely gets into its inaugural season before suspending play.

But the biggest impact comes with the announcement that the 2020 Olympics will be postponed until 2021, marking only the fourth rescheduling in the history of the modern Olympic Games.



With the NBA season suspended indefinitely amid the coronavirus pandemic, New Orleans Pelicans rookie Zion Williamson pledges to pay the salaries of the Smoothie King Center employees for 30 days.

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March Madness Becomes March Sadness

The NCAA announces the Division I men's and women's 2020 basketball tournaments—as well as all remaining winter and spring NCAA championships—are canceled because of the evolving COVID-19 public health threat. Who had "the coronavirus" going all the way in their bracket?

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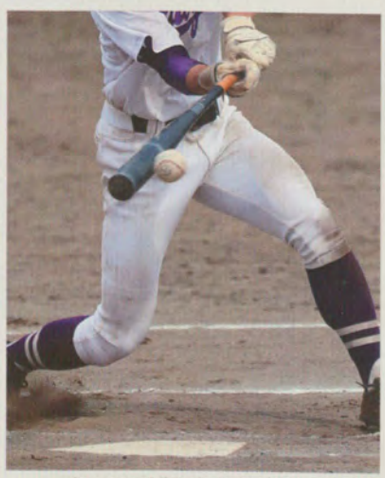

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Spring Sports Fall Back

High school athletes who compete in spring sports, take a knee. Spring sports such as soccer, track, tennis, golf, baseball, softball and lacrosse are completely on hold. Many teams aren't allowed to hold practices, meetings, conditioning or workouts during the time away from school. The NCAA even put a hold on recruitment, suspending National Letters of Intent signings until at least April 15, 2020.

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COVID-19 Kills People, Only Hurts Economy

Our best chance to fight the spread of the coronavirus and save human lives is to stay home. And when people stay home, they can't earn money, so they stop spending money, so the economy comes to a grinding halt.

COVID-19 causes unprecedented spikes in unemployment and drastic slumps in the stock market, and we still don't know what damage will be done. We do know the only way to slow a pandemic and save lives is to shelter in place, and that forces us into a recession that could turn into an economic depression if treatment and a vaccine for this virus aren't developed soon.

If unemployment reaches 25 percent, it will be our worst rate since 1933 during the Great Depression. As entire cities buckle down and mandate self-isolation, we see a spike in unemployment claims across the country. Employees are hopeful that these are temporary measures until normalcy resumes. But many businesses, big and small, aren't equipped to be shuttered for weeks, and those companies may go away entirely without assistance from the government.

Historically, economies always recover, and there's no reason to believe we won't do the same after this virus is in check. How hard we are hit and how long the effects last is entirely dependent on how fast we stop COVID-19.

Fight or Flight? Stay Home and Fight

At the urging of both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of State, Americans do their civic duty and shelter in place to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Travel bans are enacted between nations and flights around the world are canceled. As non-essential travel comes to a screeching halt, the airline, hotel and tourism industries brace for impact. With bankruptcies looming on the horizon, all major airlines begin to negotiate with the government for bailouts.

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Once this is over, you'll want to go to the mall for some retail therapy. But supply-chain disruptions caused by the coronavirus outbreak are likely to make goods from China—including clothes, cars and electronics—scarce well into the second quarter of 2020.

COVID-19 Causes Weight Loss to 401k's

There are a lot of moving parts to the U.S. economy, and at this stage in the pandemic, there are no clear answers as to what the lasting effects of this crisis will be. The short explanation is that while you were on spring break, your parents and grandparents watched in shock as their retirement funds got obliterated and their paychecks vanished into thin air.

Stock market drops happen, especially in times of uncertainty. But this is unlike recent stock market crashes that are caused by fears and speculations that change our economic behavior. With previous crashes, the government could attempt to change the course by infusing the market with stimulus plans. But when a pandemic forces millions of workers to shelter in place, the factories and machines they operate are shut down. Enormous resources lie dormant because the people who use them to keep the wheels of our economy turning must stay at home or risk catching and spreading a deadly disease.

Many public health officials consider it likely that severe social distancing measures will be needed throughout 2020 to stop this pandemic, and our modern economy has simply never seen a crisis of this scale before.

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GLOBAL IMPACT

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A Weapon of Math Destruction

Algebra teachers everywhere collectively scream "That's what I've been trying to teach you all semester!" when the entire planet becomes enthralled with charting exponential growth to predict and explain the rate of infection of COVID-19. The United States ranks among China, Italy, Spain and Germany as the hardest-hit. At the same time, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong appear to have some success at flattening the curve and spreading out the number of coronavirus cases over a longer period.

The World Health Organization officially changes their classification of COVID-19 from a public health emergency of international concern to a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

The first case of the novel coronavirus is reported in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Early cases were believed to be connected to a live animal market in Wuhan. Because the virus was thought to have originated in animals, humans have no natural defense to the virus, and no known treatments exist.

The global implications have been severe, reaching every continent except Antarctica. Many countries have closed schools and non-essential businesses. International trade has slowed to a crawl. Some countries' borders have been completely closed, and travel is being discouraged unless it is absolutely necessary.

The current outbreak of infections sparks global anxiety and concern that the virus might spread too far and too fast, causing dramatic casualties before health officials find a cure.

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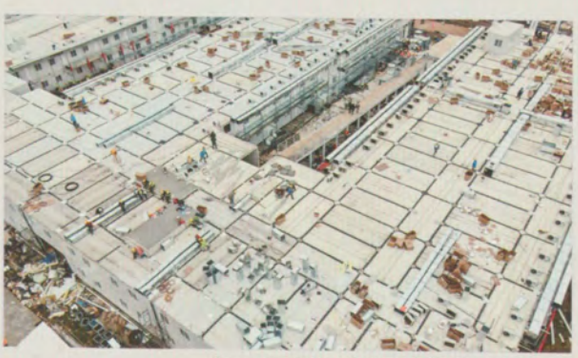
SARS Made Hong Kong Ready for Coronavirus

As the epicenter of the 2003 SARS outbreak, Hong Kong has already established emergency protocols that help them avoid the exponential increase in COVID-19 cases that other countries cannot contain. Before the first confirmed case appears in Hong Kong, their health care system is alert and prepared to: declare an emergency response level, establish quarantine stations, close schools and public events, and take tracking and testing very seriously. Despite their proximity to China, Hong Kong manages to keep COVID-19 infections and death extraordinarily low.



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It took 7,500 laborers working around the clock only 10 days to erect a makeshift emergency hospital in China's city of Wuhan—ground zero of the coronavirus pandemic. The facility is made up of two floors, featuring several isolation wards and 30 intensive care units. It can hold up to 1,000 patients.

Treatments and Cures Still Pending

COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus, which means that as this pandemic gets larger and accelerates faster, scientists are still scrambling to find treatments and vaccines. This is why it is crucial to self-isolate the healthy and quarantine anyone who has potentially been exposed.

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Makers Gonna Make, Make, Make, Make, Make

When hospitals run out of valves for crucial respiratory machines, their supplier can't ship replacements fast enough to keep patients alive. So local manufacturers step in to provide 3D print replicas. Without the actual specifications of the parts, the valves have to be reverse-engineered. 3D printers are brought on-site to hospitals to produce more life-saving devices and alleviate shortages. These quickly-printed emergency valves are never meant to replace the intricate, precise factory originals. Desperate times call for desperate measures, and until the supply can meet the demand, hospitals are having to improvise creative solutions to provide emergency life-saving care.

No One Can Thrive on an Empty Stomach

Community food banks are committed to meeting the need for emergency food, and they expect that need to increase as schools and workplaces shut down and the economy is affected by COVID-19.

Many food banks are unable to accept food donations because of the risk of infection, so the best way to help is to make a gift donation online. If you are healthy and able, ask if your local operation needs volunteers. If you are in need of a food donation, FeedingAmerica.org distributes 4.3 billion meals each year through a network of food pantries and meal programs.

Source: American Airlines

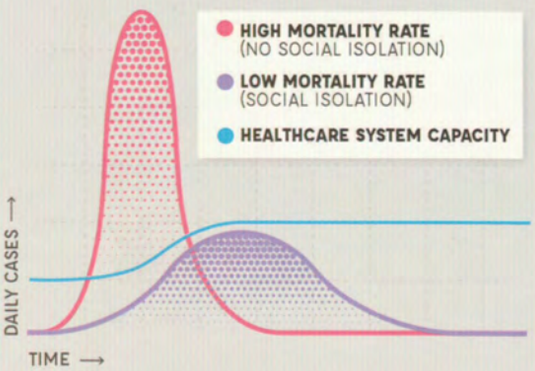
Planes Go Cargo

American Airlines has cut thousands of passenger flights in the face of the coronavirus. Now they are finding a purpose for some of their idle planes: flying their first cargo-only flights since 1984, when the airline retired their Boeing 747 freighters. With more than 200,000 commercial flights canceled, other airlines are stripping out passenger seats and turning their largest planes into cargo freighters as well.

FLATTEN THE CURVE

The biggest threat in this pandemic isn't necessarily the virus, but the stress on our healthcare system.

"Flattening the curve" refers to slowing the spread of the virus so that fewer people need to seek medical treatment at once, staying below the capacities of our health care system. Medical equipment and resources are finite, and once they become overwhelmed, people needing immediate treatment would tragically have to be turned away by hospitals.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Thoroughly and frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available.

COVER YOUR MOUTH

Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or a tissue, and discard used tissues immediately.

AVOID CONTACT

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands, as that's how the virus enters your system.

CLEAN SURFACES

Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using an EPA-registered household disinfectant.

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